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JANUARY 1928

New Year Resolutions

CARTOONISTS who pictured the year 1928 as a sprightly child wearing a broad sash and little else should have shown him this year with his overalls on.

The youngster has a lot of work ahead of him in San Francisco. He need bother with no New Year resolutions unless it be the resolution to keep his mind on his job and his sleeves rolled up. The year can be made one of achievement that will stand out as a record even for San Francisco where we pride ourselves that we do big things.

Some of the tasks to which the New Year must devote its energy are already started and need only intelligent application to complete. Others will require all the sagacity and energy with which youth is endowed to bring them successfully to pass.

Probably topping in importance all other duties is that of providing additional money by bond issue for the completion of Hetch Hetchy. Funds now available will not last out the year and steps must be taken immediately to provide more money so that work will not have to be stopped nor the present organization disbanded.

The whole transportation situation must be studied so that a definite program may be formulated to meet the problems of expiring franchises and growing needs.

The problems of power and water distribution have not yet been settled and cannot be until the Railroad Commission valuation is fixed in the former case and the people provide funds for the purchase of Spring Valley.

Construction of the bay bridge now awaits favorable action from Congress; plans for the creation of a Public Utility Commission must wait until the fall elections; construction of the highway improvements, the Bernal Cut and the War Memorial must be begun; plans must be approved for the Fulton Street approach to the Civic Center; the traffic problem must be given further study; the telephone case must be fought; and the airport must be developed.

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IT IS not considered modest to talk about one's self in cold print, but we cannot refrain from saying here that the Municipal Employee starts off the New Year its ears tingling with words of praise from readers and advertisers.

A sincere effort has been made to give San Francisco a magazine worthy of the city that knows how. Whatever success it has achieved has been due to the support of its advertisers. Its maintenance and its improvement during the coming year will depend upon them. You who read and enjoy it can insure its improvement by patronizing the men and merchants who make its publication possible.

A Program of Progress

Mayor Rolph Gives Assurance of Civic Development

MAYOR JAMES ROLPH JR.
—Photo by Bushnell

A PROGRAM of civic development which will make 1928 stand out as a red letter year in the annals of San Francisco was outlined in the annual message of Mayor James Rolph Jr. presented to the Board of Supervisors at its first meeting in January.

The message was read before one of the largest audiences that has ever packed the chambers of the Board and it drew city-wide commendation.

Incidentally in it the Mayor paid his compliments to The Municipal Employee, official organ of the eleven thousand city workers and urged their support for and co-operation with this publication.

"It gives me pleasure," he said, "to compliment the publishers of The Municipal Employee, the official magazine of the city's workers, and to commend them on the excellence of the publication they have been issuing. For the first time the employees of the city have a publication which serves them by disseminating accurate information concerning the activities of the municipality, and I trust that all officers and employees of the city will lend their full co-operation and assistance to the magazine during the coming year."

UNFORTUNATELY space does not permit reproduction of the message here in its entirety because it was delivered on the very day that this issue of the magazine was delivered to the printers.

"In assuming office," he began, "for my fifth consecutive four-year term as Mayor of the Great City and County of San Francisco, I am the proudest man in America. I am proud of the fact that I have been privileged by the confidence of the people of this city, to break all records for length of continuous service as Mayor of one of the larger cities of the United States."

After paying his respects to new and old members of the Board, the Mayor launched into his message on the city's needs.

He declared that the city was committed to the policy of municipal distribution of Hetch Hetchy power and urged that no time be lost in preparing for a special election at which the people will have the opportunity of voting the $24,000,000 necessary for completion of the great Hetch Hetchy project. He also urged the necessity of buying the Spring Valley Water Company properties.

THE Mayor paid a high compliment to the management of the Municipal Railway System in his review of its record. In pointing to the fact that the road had earned nearly $10,000,000 net income over operating expenses he said: "No such record of accomplishment has been made by any other railway or by any other city in the United States; so San Francisco takes leadership in the construction and operation of Municipal Railways."

He declared himself in favor of the acquisition by the City of the properties of the Market Street Railway and "irrevocably committed to the continued maintenance of a five-cent railway fare and half-fare for school schildren."

Adoption of a charter amendment permitting creation of a Public Utilities Commission, prosecution of the telephone rate case, further improvement of the Civic Center and construction of a new building for the use of the Department of Public Health all had their part in the message.

The Mayor also reviewed the traffic situation, urged co-operation with the Board of Education in improving housing conditions for the school children, reported on the progress of legislation for the bridge across the bay, recommended improvements to parks and playgrounds, and asked immediate appointment of a committee to plan for removal of the old County Jail buildings from Ingleside. He suggested that the property on which these buildings now stand be converted into a huge public park.

FURTHER development of the airport and abolition of all gas lamps also formed a part of the message.

The Mayor asked the supervisors to provide funds for an enlargement of the activities of the Civil Service Commission in order that it might hold examinations for the creation of eligible lists for all positions coming under civil service.

City Welcomes New Sheriff

IF DICK FITZGERALD tells the truth he realized a lifelong ambition on Monday, January 2, when he formally took over the duties of the sheriff's office.

Dick was brought up as a civil engineer. But he longed to be a sheriff with a broad-brimmed hat and a gun on either hip. Instead he became secretary and deputy commissioner of the Board of Public Works until the opportunity came last fall to get into the sheriff's fight at the municipal elections.

The result of the election is history now, and so on January 2 Dick became a full-fledged sheriff.

His inauguration was made the occasion for hundreds of his friends to send him their congratulations and floral tributes and his address at the inaugural meeting of the new board of supervisors was greeted with rounds of applause.

—Photo by Hartsook

Dick began his education at the old Lincoln Grammar School. After graduation he attended Sacred Heart College and later matriculated at St. Mary's, taking a course in engineering. In 1908 he was named assistant professor in surveying, engineering and higher mathematics. After a civil service examination in 1912 he joined the city engineer's staff and soon afterward was named by Mayor Rolph as executive secretary of the Board of Works.

As his under-sheriff he has named Jack Spaulding, civil engineer and former housing inspector of San Francisco. During the World War Spaulding was a naval engineer. He has been active in the work of the American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution and in Boy Scout work.

Three New Supervisors Are Inducted Into Office

THEIR desks banked with flowers sent by friends, the members of the new Board of Supervisors held their inaugural meeting on Tuesday, January 3, with three new faces appearing on the board. They are Fred H. Suhr, Dr. J. M. Toner and Frank J. McGovern. At the same time the six supervisors re-elected last November officially opened their new terms.

Opening with the annual message of Mayor Rolph the meeting struck a new note of co-operation. More than a thousand citizens were wedged into the supervisors' chambers to witness the initial meeting and to hear the speeches of both new and old members. More than a score of the visitors asked and were granted the opportunity of addressing the board congratulating the mayor and the board members on their program of achievement for the coming year.

The three new supervisors are already well known in the public life of the city. Supervisor Suhr, for instance, is merely taking up his official duties where he left off about five years ago. Mr. Suhr is a graduate of the Lincoln High School. After leaving school he became an errand boy in a local store and in 1905 became associated with his father in the H. F. Suhr Company.

His first political campaign was conducted in 1914 when he was elected supervisor, heading a list of fifty-nine candidates. In 1918 he was again a candidate and ran third highest in a field of forty-eight.

He has always taken a keen interest in public and charitable affairs and has pioneered many movements for the welfare of San Francisco. He is an active member of twenty-four organizations.

In Dr. Toner, the Sunset-Parkside district has its first representative on the Board. Dr. Toner lives in the Richmond district, is a property owner in Sunset-Parkside, and practices medicine in the Mission. He was born in San Francisco and was educated at Santa Clara, Notre Dame and the University of California. Under the administration of Mayor P. H. McCarthy, Dr. Toner acted as coroner.

Frank J. McGovern, the third new member, has been active in the ranks of labor in San Francisco for many years.

EDUCATION BOARD NAMES SECRETARY

Hudson Monroe has been named secretary of the Board of Education, succeeding Mrs. M. R. Norris, who retired November 1 after fifteen years of service. Mr. Monroe had been vice-principal of the High School of Commerce. Harry W. Dahleen was transferred from the Polytechnic High to take Mr. Monroe's place. The Board has also appointed Harry Hensel as principal of the Part Time High School, succeeding Principal Lundgren, who has been transferred.

A SCENE AT THE DECENNIAL BANQUET OF THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Ten Years of Achievement

By C. H. STERN

IN CELEBRATION of the completion of the Duboce Tunnel, City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy and his staff entertained the employees of the Bureau of Engineering and a hundred other guests in the Roof Garden of the Whitcomb Hotel Thursday evening, December 22.

Just ten years ago this office celebrated the completion of the Twin Peaks Tunnel at a similar banquet at the Palace Hotel. Since then many big engineering projects have been completed, started or are on the eve of starting.

When the festivities opened there were 261 guests seated at the many tables, a truly representative gathering of the city government and business interests of San Francisco. When the dinner was concluded the guests drew up before the speakers' table.

CHIEF O'SHAUGHNESSY began the speaking with a resumé of the many engineering projects completed or on the road to completion since the banquet of ten years ago. A twenty-four-foot progress chart of the great Hetch Hetchy project, illuminated with various colored lights which showed the progress of the work, hung before the guests, and Chief O'Shaughnessy took his listeners from Lake Eleanor Reservoir to San Francisco as he explained the chart in detail.

The chief also gave interesting data upon many local projects, including the boulevard program upon which work will begin in the near future. During his talk he spoke feelingly of the many former employees who have passed on since work on Hetch Hetchy started, and at his suggestion the entire assemblage stood with bowed heads for several moments in memory of the twenty-eight departed men.

An amusing incident occurred when the chief was interrupted by Professor Schnitzel of radio fame, who banged the speakers' table and gave a characteristic Schnitzel talk on the city's needs. For a moment the boys in the audience didn't take in the situation and several were getting ready to throw the interloper out. Professor Schnitzel announced himself as Mr. A. Mule and advocated the construction of overhead water and sewer systems to prevent the tearing up of streets. He also demanded the use of gas bags on all municipal street cars to minimize wear and tear on the rails. By this time the audience had settled itself to enjoy the comedy and for twenty minutes Mr. Mule gave the chief the benefit of his sage Schnitzelian counsel.

After completing his talk Chief O'Shaughnessy introduced Assistant Secretary to the Mayor William F. Benedict, Colonel Bowles, commandant at the Presidio; Supervisor Jesse Colman, City Attorney John J. O'Toole, Sheriff-elect William J. Fitzgerald and several others.

In his talk Chief O'Shaughnessy pointed out that engineering projects of the city are now bringing in a gross revenue of $6,050,000 a year, including $3,500,000 from the Municipal Railway, $2,300,000 from the sale of Moccasin Creek power and $250,000 for the rental of the bay-crossing pipe line.

"That shows," he said, "that we are not tax eaters, we are tax eliminators."

He pointed out that, following his report to the Board of Supervisors in 1921 recommending the present route for the Duboce tunnel, a total of eighty-three different proceedings were before the board on the project. He spoke highly of Supervisor Colman as the supporter and defender of the present route and declared that construction of the tunnel would not have been possible without his aid.

"THE contract," he continued, "was awarded to Mr. Youdall on May 24, 1926, for $1,247,000. Mr. Youdall has done his work faithfully and well and the tunnel will be open for use within one week. I brought Mr. Muheim, Mr. Foss and Mr. Bartell into the city from the Pulgas tunnel in San Mateo County,

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Pay Raise Plea Given Study By Supervisors

By WILLIAM T. BONSOR
Business Representative Office Employees' Association

THAT Christmas in the future may be just a bit happier than in the past is the hope of several hundred men and women in the employ of the city government. At this moment it seems possible that this hope may become a realization, as the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors is giving serious study to the many requests made upon it for salary adjustments during the last budget making time. A report from the committee to the Board is expected any time.

In the early part of 1927 the San Francisco Labor Council and the Office Employees' Association, along with several other unions, made requests upon the Board of Supervisors and its finance committee for salary adjustments. In finally passing the budget no wage adjustments were made, but the entire subject was referred back to the finance committee for hearings, study and report. Since that time the committee has held the matter under submission until its recent report, leaving the question up to the board without recommendation. It presented a partial financial resumé showing a possible deficit.

Supervisors William P. Stanton and Andrew J. Gallagher vigorously disagreed with the report, both as to the financial status of the city's funds and the failure to recommend wage increases where they were warranted. These two supervisors also insisted that representatives of the employees be given a hearing as had been promised on several occasions.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, secretary of the Labor Council; Frank McDonald, president of the Building Trades Council, and Supervisor Stanton were accordingly invited to confer with the members of the finance committee. The result was that a hearing was held on the evening of December 7 before the finance committee in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors. Representatives of the various unions involved, along with Messrs. O'Connell and McDonald, presented the claims of the men and women seeking wage adjustments. The efforts of this group were championed by Supervisors Stanton and Gallagher as well as some of their colleagues.

In the absence of Chairman James B. McSheehy from the city on official business, Supervisor Frank Havenner is acting as chairman of the finance committee. He and his colleague, Supervisor Milo Kent, have promised an early report based upon the study they are now making.

The Bureau of Municipal Research, representing a few business men, has formally requested that the board make no change in salaries. This attitude upon the part of the bureau could well be expected, as it favors increased profits rather than increased wages. A living wage in the city hall might tend to encourage some timid underpaid stenographer down town to ask for a few more pennies in the pay envelope. No representative of the bureau appeared at the hearing to support its protest or argue the matter with the representatives of the city workers.

WILLIAM T. BONSOR

—Photo by Bushnell

IN ALL cases of clerical or semi-clerical employees this Association has asked the board to grant a minimum wage rate of $200 per month. This request includes stenographers and all office employees. We have sought to attain this minimum rate for three years, and there are but a small number of men and women now suffering an injustice by receiving less. We are hopeful that the committee and the board will remedy the situation. In addition to this we are seeking re-establishment of the differentials that existed several years ago between the various classes of clerical employment because of the position and duties. In many of these cases it has been varying numbers of years since the employees have received any increased compensation.

Mayor Rolph, as presiding officer of the Board of Supervisors, has expressed himself as being in favor of the proper wage adjustments at this time. We have confidence that the board will give the problem the consideration it deserves.

The Pathway of Delinquency

By Robert Jaudon Ball
Director, Department of Research, Boys' Aid Society

This is the second of a series of two articles by Mr. Ball showing how delinquency among children usually has its start from trivial causes and how an early and proper adjustment of relationships can prevent its development into behavior that requires punishment or correction in later life.

IN MY ARTICLE last month I told a story of little Billie and how his case was a sample of many inds of behavior problems arising daily in our public schools and homes. In this article I am going to show you how the case of Billie and many other similar ones could be corrected, provided we had the proper facilities for such correction.

—Photo by Bushnell

You ask, how can these cases be remedied? The answer in many instances is to bring about an adjustment of the child to his parents, to the group and to the school. Then you ask, how can this be done? By the establishment of adjustment schools. An Adjustment School is a home training school of the twenty-four-hour type, for it is a recognized fact among educators and others coming in contact with the child, that, where a child is maladjusted either in the home or in the school, a complete change of environment is often necessary in order to fit that child back into society with a proper attitude toward society and toward the demands society makes upon him.

Let me first call your attention to a bill (Senate Bill 670) which was passed by the last session of the State Legislature and approved by the Governor, entitled *"An act to authorize the creation of county adjustment schools for the care of minors under eighteen years of age; to provide for maintenance and management of same, and the making of commitments and transfer of said minors thereto, and the support of said minors therein."*

THIS bill was drafted by a group of progressive San Francisco citizens who have recognized the definite need for such a school. The Adjustment School plan as here presented had its origin in the Twenty-four Hour Home School plan as originally formulated by the late Fred C. Nelles, Superintendent of the Whittier State School at Whittier, California. To quote from Mr. Nelles, the vital necessity for such a school of this type is based upon two fundamental social principles:

1. *The influence of the home is unique and essential to every child.*

"The proposition that home influences are essential in the normal development of children is generally accepted. Any cure for crime, any plan for the prevention of delinquency, or any social welfare program that ignores this proposition cannot hope to succeed in a large way. If the child has no home or if his home fails to function, a home must be provided.

2. *An adequate education is essential to the highest development of the child.*

"Even admitting the necessity for punishing adult offenders and recognizing the value of punishment as a deterrent, the cure of our social ills will come not from our efforts to make over adults who have gone wrong and to whom the enthusiasms of youth are a memory, but in the proper upbringing of the young who have most of life before them. We have agreed that a reasonable educational opportunity must be offered to every child. We are beginning to see that problem children require special educational provision to meet their special need if they are to have an average opportunity."

Mr. Nelles goes on to say that the Home School will justify itself: "(1) by preparing for useful citizenship children, who, except for this provision, would be denied the preparation from which we might reasonably expect success to come (2) by preventing delinquency through the recognition of the inalienable right of every child to home life and adequate schooling; (3) by its contribution to the cure of crime through early direction rather than by deferred correction, reformation, or prison penitence."

Such would be the function of a Twenty-four Hour Adjustment School. It should, as far as possible, create a home atmosphere in every detail so as to prevent any possibility of "institutionalizing" the child. This type of Home School seems to be the only solution to the problem of knowing what to do with the problem child found in our school class rooms, clinics and juvenile courts. The existing order does not at all adequately meet the whole need of the problem child. The phases in the development of the child are such that failure on his part to meet the requirements of society are often due to hereditary and environmental weaknesses which might be removed by a more scientific and expert approach to the problem which could be offered by an adequately equipped Adjustment School to care for the child twenty-four hours of the day until such time as a definite program for him could be worked out.

IN San Francisco we have an approach to the Adjustment School plan. The Jesse W. Lilienthal School situated within the walls of the Boys' Aid Society at Grove and Baker Streets furnishes a school whereby the unadjusted child may be placed for observation, examination and custody. (This school is limited to boys only.) Specially referred cases are thoroughly studied from every angle possible. Psychological studies are made, the home situation studied,

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Back to the Hindenburg Line

By WALTER SMITH
Department of Electricity

Being the story of a Doughboy who went back to Paris last summer to attend the American Legion Convention and who revisited the battlefields where his buddies shed their blood and gave their lives in the cause of Liberty.

"WE'RE goin' home! Gee, it's great, we're goin' home! It must be true 'cause General Pershing says we're goin' home!" So said we all ten years ago, and we were happy, too, when we were crowded into troop-ships and started back across the Atlantic.

"We're goin' back again! Gee, it's great, we're goin' back again!" And we were, but this time, instead of carrying heavy packs and wearing suits that fit us too quick, we followed behind stewards who carried our baggage and led us to luxurious staterooms with adjoining baths.

Ten years ago, packed into ships like sardines, we looked out at the Statute of Liberty and thought, solemnly, "Well, so long, old girl. Maybe I'll never see you again." And when we returned she still stood, torch in hand, lighting our way back home. Not one of us but resolved never to leave her behind us again.

But here we were, in the summer of 1927, waving her good-bye once more, and promising to hurry right back. The trip over had other excitements in contrast to those of our first journey. Instead of submarine alarms we had deck-games, masquerades, hot-dog parties, dancing, a captain's dinner and everything to keep us interested and going every minute. The boat docked at Cherbourg at midnight and Sunny France was running true to form, for we were greeted with torrents of rain.

ARRIVING in Paris the next day, we hailed a cab and had our first real thrill of the trip. Riding in a taxi in Paris seems to be fraught with all the peril of attacking an enemy trench. The chauffeur starts off at break-neck speed, and the taxi hurtles through the streets slowing up for nobody. French taxi drivers argue back and forth as they fly along the boulevards, talking always with both hands, and paying no attention to the steering wheel. Occasionally they are reprimanded by a gendarme, but they only talk back as violently as they are talked to, and then they go on their way with no hard feelings on either side. I have often wondered how this system would work over here, especially under our new traffic laws. Anyhow, before the dazed passenger has a chance to catch his breath, the taxi draws up with a jerk in front of his hotel, and the driver, a few francs in his hand, is as abruptly on his way before one has time to wonder what it's all about.

WALTER SMITH
—Photo by Chaffee

TO SEE Paris in a week is next to impossible. However we managed to see a great deal. We visited the Louvre, several churches of importance including Notre Dame, the Invalides, the site of the Fall of the Bastille, the Eiffel Tower, the Montmartre district, numerous parks and several theaters such as the Moulin Rouge and the Folies Bergere. We also visited the grave of the Unknown Soldier.

The American Legion parade is worthy of greater mention than we can give it here. A glorious holiday was declared in Paris and all business was suspended for the day.

One day was devoted to a trip to the battlefields and cemeteries. I traveled over the country in which I had spent many gruesome months ten years before and passed through many towns that were then laid flat in ruins. The country was hardly recognizable as the towns have been rebuilt and even the forests, then mere skeletons from shell-fire and gas, have grown new trees. There were many signs however, of this conflict, and there were many bitter sights for those

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Works Board Honors Exalted Bozo

By S. J. Hester
Acting Secretary, Board of Public Works

SOME three weeks ago employees of the Board of Public Works decided that it was only fitting that they should give Sheriff-elect William J. Fitzgerald a farewell banquet upon the occasion of his departure from the position of Secretary of the Board.

A committee was appointed to arrange the details. It comprised Michael J. McGovern, James Grant, Johnny Harders, Joseph Callaghan, E. J. Riordan, S. J. Hester, Eddie Shattuck, Joe Linehan and Marty Tierney.

The first gun being fired the date was fixed for December 28, and the place the Old German House. It was decided that the feast should consist of a good old corned beef and cabbage dinner with the incidental trimmings.

On the evening in question the gang, five hundred strong, met with Colonel C. E. Stanton presiding, and the festivities started. What a party!

First, "Skinny" Leary told some of his famous stories and they made so much of a hit that "Skinny" decided to sing. He started out like Caruso, but on the second verse his voice broke and he was through for the night. Then we had good old Michael Patrick Brennan singing, as only he can, "That Old Gang of Mine." Next who should be introduced but "War Horse" Michael Lawley, who told his famous story of the Irish athlete. The entertainment continued for some time with short addresses from City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy, Commissioner Fred Meyer and Assessor Russell Wolden.

It was unfortunate that His Honor Mayor Rolph and President of the Board of Public Works Timothy Reardon were unable to be with us, but the toastmaster explained that both were so shocked over the sudden death of Gavin McNab that they were unable to participate in the festivities. At the suggestion of William F. Benedict, assistant secretary to the mayor, the guests then rose and stood with bowed heads for several moments in prayerful tribute to the memory of Mr. McNab.

THE main events soon started. First, John Brady, vice-principal of the Galileo High School, was introduced, and on behalf of the Bozo Club, presented Dick Fitzgerald with a beautiful wrist watch. Brady explained that the Bozo Club was a social organization composed of engineers, architects, contractors, a few (one) teachers and a host of loyal friends of Dick's. He went on to say that Dick had ruled the Bozo Club since its birth, holding the title of Grand Bozo or Exalted Ruler.

Then Colonel Stanton, on behalf of the employees of the Board of Works, presented the new sheriff with a beautiful silver service, and what a beauty it was!

Dick himself then arose, an orchid in his button-hole presented by Restani, his six-feet-two towering over the table, and started a speech that will never be forgotten by those present. Opening with his Irish blarney that brought cheers and laughter from all, he turned to a serious strain, and when I say you could have heard a pin drop, I don't mean maybe.

As the boys were about to depart there were calls for Leo Cunningham, Dick's campaign manager, and Leo had to respond as only Leo can. Colonel Stanton then brought the gavel down and the banquet was over.

THE BANQUET FROM THE SIDELINES

By Bozo Junior

FAT Hamilton's Tux certainly didn't fit any too well. With his build he ought to buy a Tux.

Johnny Burns and Jim Grant gave the impression all evening that they had lost something under the table.

"Butch" Caffery and Dan Maher seemed to have something in common.

The Sunset politicians, Jack Calish, Dunning, Mulcahey, Courter and O'Neill were in conference all night except when telephone calls from the outside kept them on the go.

No one has yet found out why Joe Linehan ate steak instead of corned beef and cabbage.

Harry Beggs and Gus Oliva talked politics instead of participating in the festivities.

Mike McGovern seemed to pass up all the good things to give his entire attention to Caffery. We are told that Mike paid for his feed.

After the racket the Meyer, Muheim, Clifford and Bartell quartet gave several vocal selections which were pips.

The Exalted Bozo was really quite tame at the banquet as he was compelled to honor the occasion by maintaining a certain amount of dignity.

Dick McDonald wanted to join the quartet but his voice was too rough and he was put out of the picture.

Al Smith and Leonard Youdall were some distance apart at the speakers' table, so they were both in great shape at the finish.

George Purser, our gabby toastmaster on many occasions, was the official chauffeur for the banquet.

Gene Riordan and Sid Hester should have had on the soup and fish as they appeared to be official headwaiters.

Jockey Stern missed his playmate Andy, but he was running on all six nevertheless.

Fred Meyer can certainly sing, but perhaps banquets affect his voice.

PROSECUTOR'S SECRETARY WEDS

District Attorney Matthew Brady's office recorded another romance last month, the second since summer, when Miss Frances Westdahl, confidential secretary, was married to Leonard A. Hart, office manager for the Packard Automobile Company. The bride's position as confidential secretary taught her how to keep a secret and she kept her own well, for it was a month before the office staff learned about the wedding. The couple were married in November in Santa Rosa. The news leaked out only a few days before Christmas.

Of Interest to Women

By ANITA DAY HUBBARD

WELL, if here isn't little 1928, poor dear, already a few days old, and wondering what the next three hundred odd days are going to do to him!

It's always the same. Each year begins with an innocent manner and a set of good resolutions that would make saints of us all collectively, if but a third of them could be carried out. Then by the time a few months have passed, that good little New Year begins to look pretty much like all the others, and by December we are all ready enough to chase him out on New Year's Eve, to make way for another year again.

—Photo by Fisher

With the January sales on, the renewal of the wardrobe is quite in order. The wise woman will contemplate her winter clothes with a severe eye and add to them judiciously during the next month. Properly bought, a few additions will finish out the cold months smartly enough, and give way just in time to the spring outfit that should not be bought too soon.

If one's winter togs are good looking there is no temptation to snatch at the first straw hat that appears in the shop windows, nor to acquire a spring suit before the styles are well established.

It really seems as though we were to have a feminine streak in fashion. San Francisco will never take kindly to fussy street wear, but there is a mighty effort on the part of the fashion experts to break down the sameness of the styles of the last ten years. Save for a difference in the length of skirts, there has been little change since the war.

It's too bad for the coutouriers, perhaps, but what a calamity it would be to see false hair and bustles and leg of mutton sleeves showing up again. To one who has suffered, merely a mention of the clumsy horrors of women's clothes within the memory of even a very young middle-aged person, should be enough to avoid the possibility of such a tragedy.

Let the dressmakers concentrate on the beautiful draping of fabric, or the subtle adjustment of lines to the female form divine, but Heaven protect us from "trick" clothes, now or ever.

THE musical world will be much interested in the Young Peoples' Symphony, of which Wheeler Beckett is the director, and Alice Metcalf the impresario. Last year the project, then in a somewhat precarious infancy, met with such a response that the sponsors were delighted to renew their efforts, and it is safe to predict that the idea will take hold of music-loving San Francisco permanently. The concerts will begin in January—watch the papers for the dates—and if you haven't a young person to take, go by yourself.

The full strength of the Symphony orchestra with Director Beckett, a thorough musician as well as a most excellent teacher of children, will play excellent symphonic music, with sufficiently simple themes to be understood by young amateurs, and the director will explain each composition to the audience. It is not at all impossible that some of the elders who have shied slightly at attending the symphonies on account of being unfamiliar with the methods of enjoying good music, could attend these illuminating concerts with much benefit to themselves. If you are self-conscious, take a child with you. Both of you will be delighted.

A RATHER more sophisticated musical treat will be offered in three courses beginning on January 30 and the two Monday evenings thereafter, when Max Panteleieff, that very gorgeous baritone, will join with Consuelo Cloos, mezzo-soprano, in interpreting the Russian composers from Glinka through Greve-Sobalevsky for the musically erudite. The concerts will be held in the studio at 2209 Van Ness Avenue, beginning at 8:30. The first recital will concern itself with Rubinstein, Dargomijsky, Moussorgsky and Glinka. I'll keep you posted on the others, later.

The East West Gallery, the Beaux Arts and the others are all holding forth nobly. The suggestion that a Commission on Art be created similar in function to the other city commissions, was made at the Commonwealth Club luncheon lately. While the idea sounds a trifle odd at first hearing, why shouldn't it be perfectly practicable? At any rate I'll keep my ear to the ground, and see that you are informed of the latest developments.

YOU'VE probably read the books you got for Christmas by now—or have definitely decided not to read them—so perhaps the suggestion of a few others might not be amiss. If you didn't acquire "Our Times," by Mark Sullivan, Volume II, do so at once. That is unless you haven't seen Volume I. The books are a sort of index of all the things you thought you could never forget—and have—about the last few decades in these United States. All the precious details of dress, politics, customs and amusements that the historians think are trivial, and the wise man knows are not.

Anatole France said somewhere that if he wanted to know what was going on in a special period of history, he would not look for a book on contemporary philosophy, nor on political happenings, but into a fashion book if he could find one. For the special quality of the times is neither in philosophy nor in politics, which are both as constant as human nature, but on the fancies of dress and deportment, which are considered too trifling to be taken seriously, and are therefore entirely the true mirror of the public mind.

I wonder how the beloved old rascal would interpret the imitation silk underwear that the men's stores are

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Play-grounds

By VEDA B. YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

QUICKLY Father Time has taken the Old Year from us, and replaced it with a bright, fair, promising New Year. He has set aside our pages of accomplishments for 1927, and they have become as history. However, December was such a brilliant, scintillating, eventful time for the playgrounds, the directors, and the entire playground staff, that we must tell you about some of the interesting and fascinating events which followed in quick and exciting succession. These events made such an indelible impression upon us, that they cannot possibly be erased from our memories.

VEDA B. YOUNG
—Photo by Bushnell

By far, the most important event of all was the Christmas Pageant, "The Evergreen Tree," by Percy MacKaye, which was presented by the children of the San Francisco Playgrounds in the Civic Auditorium on December 16. The Pageant was directed by Miss Hester Proctor, Director of Educational Dramatics. Jan Philip Schinhan was Director of Music. The costuming and rehearsals were under the supervision of the playground directors.

The Pageant was beautifully and successfully presented. It was appreciated to the fullest extent by the thousands who came to enjoy it. The colorful costumes worn by the hundreds of children who participated were a tremendous surprise to the interested audience, which was also enthusiastically excited over the huge electrically lighted tree. Especial assistance was given the department by glee clubs from the High School of Commerce, the Lowell High School, and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. The Boy Scouts also played an important role. This event not only marked the Playground Commission's first annual pageant given in the Civic Auditorium, but was a means of spreading the joyous, contagious Christmas spirit.

Santa Claus, and all his little children followers, were there, and somehow, that inexpressible feeling came over us, and we all left the Auditorium knowing we were so much happier for having seen this lovely Pageant.

ON EVERY playground Christmas was celebrated by a host of happy children, and Santa Claus came to visit most of them and to distribute candy, popcorn, oranges and gifts. Some playgrounds staged plays. The children of the Julius Kahn presented a cunning and delightful play called "Dolls" which revived happy memories of "doll days."

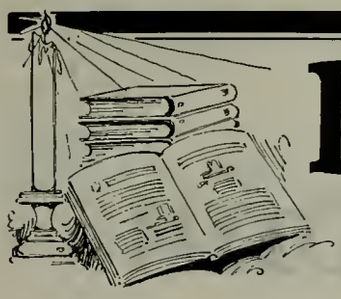
The children of Southside Playground presented a play written especially for them called "Christmas Eve with the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." My, what an appreciative audience gathered to see this play! It was necessary to repeat the play three times because there were so many children eagerly waiting to see it. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Lena Graf and Gus Oliva, Santa presented all of these hundreds of children with fruit, candy and popcorn.

Richmond and Argonne Playgrounds received the strong backing of the merchants of their district, as did Hamilton the co-operation of the Fillmore Street merchants. These playgrounds, therefore, had a gala time. Levi Strauss Playground celebrated Christmas in true fashion and staged an interesting play.

Some of the talent from the playgrounds repeated their plays at other grounds, and thus helped to spend the Christmas cheer. The Camp Fire Girls of the Julius Kahn Playground, as well as groups from other playgrounds, in addition to the regular Christmas activities, made up a number of baskets of food, containing all that goes to make a delicious Christmas dinner for poor families. Toys and dolls were also collected and distributed to the orphanages.

ONE EVENT of singular importance was the celebration of the Chinese Playground. A huge tree, beautifully decorated and lighted, graced the playground for an entire week. On Christmas Day a program was held which marked the co-operation of the Chinese Consul General, Mr. Ang-Ching Kung, the Chinese Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., Ching Wah Lee, Boy Scout Master, John Wong, Reverend Leong, Peter Wong, with the two playground directors. Also the school and mission groups co-operated with the singing of carols and the playing of band music. Races and games were held and various prizes, given by the Chinese people, were awarded to the winners in the various races and games scheduled by the directors. The Shell Oil Company distributed free balloons and candy to all of the children. The celebration was certainly a decided success.

The Playground Department feels that it has done a remarkable piece of work disbursing joy, especially during Christmas.



Public Library

By PAULINE ROY
Children's Librarian

SCHOOL'S out! A line of children reaches the sidewalk in semi-disorder and finally breaks and scatters. Groups meet and depart together. The school population straggles over the street and gradually disappears around the corner.

Where do the children go? Some respond to mother's admonition, "Come straight home from school!" Others turn off to the public playgrounds, to clubs and gymnasiums, and a great many go to their nearest public library. A librarian always knows when school is out.

PAULINE ROY

Most libraries have special juvenile departments. The majority of the fourteen branch libraries in San Francisco are so equipped. These branches are of various sizes and located conveniently for each neighborhood. However it is my purpose to tell you about library work with children as it is carried on at the main library, one of the buildings of our beautiful Civic Center.

The Juvenile Room is on the first floor near the entrance to the building. On entering the room one does not receive the impression of a large, musty place crowded with books. Rather a colorful frieze greets the eye, depicting well-known book characters, dear to childhood. There are gay bulletin boards keeping one posted on the coming holidays, and ferns and green plants give the feeling of a room alive.

In orderly lines the children stand around the desk to exchange the story books of their favorite authors, to return books which helped them in handicraft, sport and study. Or perhaps they have come for a more serious purpose: teacher has given them something definite to look up, as an assignment or special topic. They ask for accounts of famous men and women; for dimensions of bridges and aqueducts; the latest statistics of commerce and knowledge from history or geography.

THE answers to their many questions are looked up in the special reference books and the article is given to them to copy. These books are closely watched to guard against mutilation. Some children dislike copying or hurried study.

"Library-teacher, can I have a book about cotton to take home?" a small voice timidly asks. Then a circulating account of the growth and production of the product, suitable for the age of the inquirer, is found for him and he departs happy, knowing he can keep the book for two weeks or a month, to help him in his school work.

Besides being just a place where you can get books, or look at pictures, the library serves as a social center for boys and girls. Every Saturday there is an hour for story-telling and play, and the Reading Club members meet. A special list of books is given to the members to read, credit being awarded for those satisfactorily reported upon. A star is given for each book and ten stars entitles one to a button to be proudly worn and displayed to friends.

During Children's Book Week, a national event, plays are produced under the direction of the library. A notice is posted for tryouts and parts are eagerly sought. What could be more exciting than portraying your favorite book character! Faithfully, the chosen cast comes to rehearsals. There is much discussion of costumes with interested parents and guardians. Finally the big day arrives when they may invite their teachers and friends to see them act Robin Hood or Alice in Wonderland. Through these events the library becomes truly a melting pot with many different nationalities represented in the cast, social distinction being forgotten, with all the children working democratically together for a successful outcome.

The children's librarian realizes she has the opportunity as well as the privilege of guiding the reading taste of the future citizens of America.

Magazine Wins Recognition

MUNICIPAL employees of San Francisco are not alone in their appreciation of their official publication. A copy of the September number found its way to the desk of E. H. Anderson, director of the New York Public Library, a few weeks ago, and he immediately sent a request that the library be furnished with a complete file of the magazine and that future issues be sent to the magazine department. Hereafter *The Municipal Employee* will be found on the tables of two of the greatest libraries of the United States, the San Francisco and the New York Public Libraries.

Assistant City Attorney Robert McMahon and Mrs. McMahon were injured Tuesday morning, December 27, when their automobile skidded and struck a steel bridge while they were on their way back to San Francisco from Amador County. Mr. McMahon suffered two broken ribs. Mrs. McMahon was cut about the head. Both were brought to the St. Francis Hospital where they are recovering.

Municipal Organizations

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater Jr.

AT our December meeting a large attendance was noted due to the annual election of officers for 1928. All the officers were unanimously re-elected to serve for another term. Our organization has enjoyed a very prosperous year due to the efforts of President Casey, his officers, and the various committees. We feel certain that by the time 1929 rolls around the membership will be still more grateful.

Andy Olson was unanimously elected to serve as Guide for the new year. Andy deserves the office as, rain or shine, he is present at the meetings.

Bill Hatman, of the precise level party, was re-elected to his office of trustee for three years.

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Castle Manor the new subdivision in the Mission District will be a fine residential section shortly. Many new streets have been cut through, adding greatly to the appearance of this fast-growing district. Bill Fisher is doing the inspection work on the streets and sewers.

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Inspector Heilman has been working on the Third Street bridge where the work of uncovering some cable connections was completed.

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It looks like a long dreary winter for Charlie Hiden. The football season is over and Washington did not win the Pacific Coast Conference.

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Rube Owens has been busy figuring the cuts, fills, or what have you, on the proposed new boulevard in San Mateo County. As it now stands the new highway will be an extension of Junipero Serra Boulevard from the county line to a point just south of Cypress Lawn Cemetery where it will join the present state highway. It will be 125 feet wide and about three and one-half miles long according to the present survey.

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Theo. Tominiski, inspector of streets and sewers, recently retired at the age of three score and ten years, was present at our last meeting. Brother Tominiski was given an honorary membership in our organization.

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A visitor who dropped in at the meeting unexpectedly was Tim Canty, the good-looking field assistant. Tim is on a leave of absence and came in to renew acquaintances.

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A most enjoyable evening was spent at Hotel Whitcomb, December 22, by members of the Bureau of Engineering who were guests at a dinner given by our chief, M. M. O'Shaughnessy, and his staff. The event commemorated the completion of the Sunset Tunnel and the many other engineering projects completed, under the supervision of the City Engineer, during the last ten years.

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Inspector Scroggy has been working on Carolina Street between 19th and 20th where some steps were constructed. Considerable street work was completed in this district during the past year.

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Four members at the December meeting considered the evening quite profitable and well spent as they won turkey orders. The lucky ones were: C. Dennis, C. Muller, R. Banks, and F. Brown. We are wondering what the bachelors did with the turk.

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Work is progressing very well on the new bond sewer across the sand dunes in the Sunset District. Inspectors Ducray and Ryan are looking after the City's interests on this project.

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The year 1927 is now behind us and we can look backward with satisfaction on the work accomplished by the Bureau of Engineering. We must, however, strive to attain greater success in our undertakings during the present year and thereby continue to hold the confidence which, we feel certain, our chief has placed in us. In conclusion, we wish you all A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

EIGHT subjects of major importance have been placed on the program of the San Francisco Federation of Teachers, No. 61, for attention during the coming year. The subjects and the committees named to report on them are as follows:

Course of study—Junior and Senior High; Paul Silvey, Miss Muriel Pettit, Russell P. Marble, Earle W. Barker.

Salaries—Readjustment and Upward Revision; Miss H. Revoy, Miss D. L. Prioleau, Miss Anna Anderson, C. A. Colmore.

Pensions—Survey of State and City Systems; M. J. Jacobs, Miss Eleanor B. Smith, Mrs. Shirley Williamson.

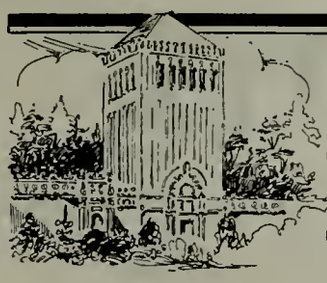
Tenure—Local provisions for those teachers occupying administrative positions; E. J. Dupuy, Miss Delight Rice, E. Salzmann.

Sabbatical Leave; P. J. Mohr, W. J. Graham, Miss Mae L. Johnson.

Complete Independence of Board of Education; H. P. Dole, Miss Anna May Quirk, George H. Learned.

An Administrative Building for the Department of Education; Deputy Superintendent David P. Hardy, U. Graff, H. H. Wall, Richard Zeidler.

Teacher Load; Con. Davis, A. O. P. Taylor, Miss Myra Gibson, Mrs. Pearl R. Constantine.



Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

THE grading, widening, parking and paving of the Great Highway from the Cliff House to Fleishhacker Playfield, referred to in last month's issue, remains the biggest undertaking at present in progress under the Park Commission and Superintendent John McLaren. Of this three-mile stretch the portion at present actually being worked upon extends from Sloat Boulevard to Noriega Street. Here a crew of about a hundred men, under the supervision of Mr. McLaren, is employed with trucks and tractors, scrapers and harrows, shovels and rakes in dumping thousands of cubic yards of earth against a barrier of fallen trees, levelling the ground, terracing, depositing fertilizer, planting bunch grass to stop the migrations of the sand, and planting lawns and ornamental shrubs for the permanent beautification of what will be, when completed, the most wonderful boulevard in the world.

The grading is largely completed over the distance above referred to and the rest of the distance to the Cliff House will receive attention immediately after the other is finished. The surveys have already been made by W. G. Hocking, civil engineer of the Park Commission. Simply as a construction job this work is of intense interest and when one thinks of how this 400-foot-wide boulevard will look when the lawns are green, and the driveways and walks completed, it will be with the admission again that "San Francisco knows how."

SUPERINTENDENT John McLaren and Mrs. Luther Burbank were guests of the National Automobile Club and the Ate-Y Club at a largely attended luncheon given on Thursday, December 15 at the Bellevue Hotel. The occasion was a preliminary to the setting out in John McLaren park of a dozen Paradox walnut trees, the gift of Mrs. Burbank in memory of the friendship of her late husband for the Park Superintendent. The trees are one of the plant wizard's creations. Ben Blow, field secretary of the National Automobile Club, was in charge of the arrangements, and the event was participated in by various Mission District organizations.

Foreman Robert Owens has recently installed in the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park a new series of very artistic fences of redwood posts and bamboo construction, outlining the various walks in the Garden.

The four new hand-ball courts at the ball grounds in Golden Gate Park have been completed and are in play. They have a cement-covered front wall of tile with side walls of wood construction. The floors are of asphalt. The courts are wholly enclosed except for the roof, which is replaced by a wire screening. A new feature is a set of bleachers for spectators. These are located above and at the rear of the courts, and are reached by a stairway.

J. J. Campbell, foreman of that part of Golden Gate Park including the corner of Stanyan Street and Lincoln Way, spent a two-weeks' vacation beginning December 5 in Southern California, making his headquarters at Hollywood, where he visited a cousin. During his absence his section was supervised by Foreman J. Skinner.

Lawrence Marx, in charge of the conservatory, did his bit in making Christmas look attractive by displaying a beautiful collection of poinsettias, among the other flowers. The room of cinerarias and Chinese primroses also attracted a great deal of attention, as did the fibrous begonias, which were in full bloom.

Pat Dullaghan, one of Foreman J. J. Campbell's crew, took his two weeks' vacation during December.

Eight new tables have been added to those at the "Old Men's Playground" near Stanyan and Haight Streets in Golden Gate Park. There are seven tables for checkers and chess and the rest are used for playing cards. This is a very popular outdoor amusement place.

The annual display of pink azalias is now in full progress near the Lodge in Golden Gate Park. The terrace covered with these flowering shrubs is very beautiful. The blossoming time will continue until February.

A good job of re-turfing has been done at the Kezar Stadium at Superintendent McLaren's direction and under the supervision of Foreman J. J. Campbell.

W. G. Hocking, civil engineer with the park commission, has been passing the cigars around in celebration of the arrival on December 15 of an eight and a half pound baby boy. The youngster has been christened Donald Gray Hocking.

Albert Chaquett, foreman at Stow Lake, has been away for a couple of weeks' vacation. During his absence his work was taken over by Foreman Robert Owen.

Legion of Honor Palace

THE latest special exhibition at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor is the Seventh International Water Color Circuit Exhibition, sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago, which opened on December 21. It will continue until January 22. Included are ninety-seven colorful paintings by American artists and fifty-two by foreign artists — a fine exhibition.

The present showing of Modern art, which has been on view since September first, will conclude on January 6. This also applies to the Carl W. Hamilton exhibition of Old Masters and Italian Renaissance art works, which have been displayed for the same period.

Dr. Cornelia B. Sage Quinton, the Director, announces that a collection of forty paintings, especially assembled by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, well-known New York sculptress, for the California Palace of the

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Schools

By JOSEPH MARR GWINN
Superintendent of Schools

DURING the year 1927 several steps ahead have been taken by the San Francisco public schools. A recapitulation of some of these steps follows:
Eleven new buildings and additions dedicated.
Number of half-day classes largely reduced.
Additional classes organized for handicapped children.
Encouraging advance in the work upon high school, junior high school, and elementary courses of study.

JOSEPH MARR GWINN
—Photo by Baye

Further organization of business department.
Advancement of professional training of teachers in service.
Classification of high schools and junior high schools on the basis of pupil ability groups.
Development of educational guidance in high schools and junior high schools.
Extension of school library and textbook service and use of visual aids.
Development of activities of Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations.

In the proper and efficient development of a system of schools, as well as of other important enterprises, a definite program of progress must be laid out years in advance. It is important that such a program, once conceived, be well understood by those in control and be followed as closely and as rapidly as conditions will permit. We have endeavored to adopt such a program in San Francisco, as the following brief statements concerning some of its features will indicate.

THE building program is the most important feature of a program of progress in relation to the physical plant, as it is evident that good school work cannot be had without adequate housing and suitable equipment.

Reorganization of the divisions of the school is a second essential element in the program of progress. Until 1925 the plan of school organization in San Francisco was what is known as the 8-4 plan; that is, eight years of elementary school and four years of high school. The present plan is to reorganize the school system on the 6-3-3 plan; that is, six years of elementary school, three years of junior high school, and three years of senior high school. The new elementary school buildings are being planned in accordance with that policy.

Besides the two outstanding features above noted, the main points involved in the general program of progress may be outlined thus:

(a) Expansion of school facilities, and general improvement of the school plant.

(b) Closer coordination and fuller cooperation of all departments within the school system in order to develop through united effort an ever better school system.

(c) Increased cooperation with all agencies which have as their object the elevation of the life of the city.

(d) Modernization of courses of study and better adaptation of courses to individual and social needs.

(e) Improvement in methods and standards of supervision and instruction.

(f) Development of means through which the public may be informed and advised accurately and fully as to the activities, conditions, and needs of the schools.

(g) Extension of opportunities for adult education with special emphasis on courses in citizenship.

(h) Extension of opportunities for the training of teachers, both in the period of preparation and during the period of professional service.

(i) Establishment of closer contacts with the home through encouragement of home and school associations.

CALIFORNIA is one of many states making physical education compulsory; the state law makes a minimum requirement of twenty minutes per day of physical exercise in the elementary schools and two hours a week in the secondary (high) schools. In San Francisco this is rightly regarded as a minimum, and high schools average three hours per week in their physical education program.

Urban conditions govern more than one-half of the United States at the present time. These conditions of modern life impose upon the youth a nervous strain unprecedented in history. The natural environment of trees, rocks, and fields has ceased to exist for many city children, and artificial substitutes must give opportunity for attaining normal growth and development. The gymnasium and accompanying athletic field provide this substitute, meager as it is.

During the year 1926-27 the athletic fields of Galileo and High School of Commerce were opened. Four new gymnasia (for Galileo boys, High School of Commerce boys and girls and Mission girls) were equipped with apparatus and put in operation. Gymnasium apparatus in boys' gymnasium at Lowell High School was repaired and equipment added.

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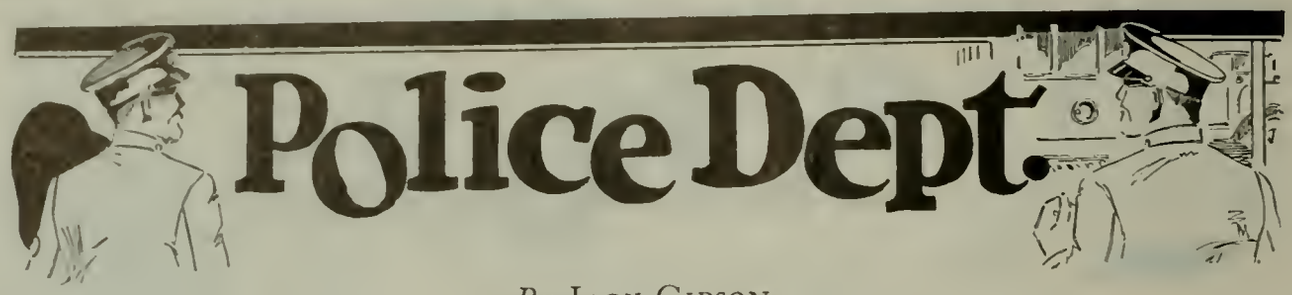

By JACK GIBSON

THE most elaborate celebration ever fostered by members of the San Francisco Police Department, comprising the membership of the Police Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association, is promised for February 18, next.

Besides the annual concert and ball, the celebration this year will include an observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Association.

Lieutenant Charles Dullea of the homicide squad of the Detective Bureau has been made general chairman; Past President J. J. Cummings, vice-chairman; Corporal George Kopman of the general office, secretary; and Captain Bernard Judge, treasurer.

The entertainment to be provided will, it is hoped, eclipse anything that has ever been offered in the Auditorium. The big municipal hall will be especially decorated for the occasion, and the largest band possible will furnish the music for the dancing that will follow the program.

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Detective Sergeant William Millikin has returned from New York, bringing back with him an auto thief caught in the big town.

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The recent election of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association resulted in the selection of Corporal Peter Maloney, as president; Lieutenant Michael Mitchell of the harbor station, vice-president; George Kopman, recording secretary; Corporal William Boyle of the Bush station, financial secretary.

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Lieutenant Edward Cullinan has been put on one of the night watches in the Detective Bureau, having been brought in from the Bush station. He takes the place of Lieutenant Albert Munn, who has been put in charge of the last watch at the Ferry.

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Officer Otto Meyer of the Mission station has also been brought into the Detective Bureau.

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The new teletype, connecting headquarters with eight outside stations, has been installed and put in operation. From the central office all orders for recoveries of automobiles, descriptions of stickup men and burglars are flashed simultaneously to the stations included in the hookup. As fast as the work can be completed the remaining five stations will be connected up and, in a flash, all the commands can be given a full, clear and correct description of any man wanted. This new machine cuts out the time lost by one man ringing in on each station to give out urgent police information.

President Theodore Roche, Acting Chief William Quinn, Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson and various captains took part in the ceremonies of putting the teletype into operation.

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The department lost an efficient officer last month when Patrolman Fred Nuttman of the Mission station died as the result of an accident at Tenth and Folsom streets early in the morning of December 17. Nuttman was taking two prisoners to the City Prison. The patrol wagon, driven by Ed Toomey, crashed into a milk truck and Nuttman was thrown out, his back striking against the curb. He was taken to the hospital, but died the next day.

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The Police Commission has granted pensions to Sergeant John Caples, 35 years in the department; Corporal Clifford Jones, in service for 20 years; Officer Patrick Butler, 30 years at the Southern station; Officer Joseph LaRoux, in service for 20 years, and Mrs. Florence Swett, a matron for more than 15 years. All were injured in the course of duty, Mrs. Swett having been attacked by a woman prisoner crazed by drink. All were retired on half pay.

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Officer Anthony Kane, a member of the department since 1921, passed away while on duty on Christmas eve at Montgomery and Market streets. Officer Kane was a member of the traffic squad and was well known in the downtown district. His death is sincerely mourned by his associates. He was directing traffic in the early evening when he complained of feeling ill and went into the basement of the United Bank and Trust Company for a drink. He collapsed there and was pronounced dead when taken to the Harbor Emergency Hospital.

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Michael Flannery, 87 years old, a retired San Francisco police officer, died in Los Gatos early in December of ptomaine poisoning. He joined the department in 1878 and retired in 1890.

Tim Reardon Reappointed

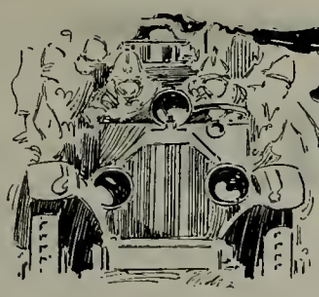
PRESIDENT of the Board of Public Works Timothy Reardon has been reappointed by Mayor Rolph for another term of three years. President Reardon has been at the head of the works board almost continuously since Mayor Rolph's first election sixteen years ago, and has been one of the Mayor's most faithful supporters.

The appointment was announced on Christmas eve as was the reappointment of Major C. J. Collins and Dr. John E. Bohm to the Board of Election Commission. The terms of all three officials expire in January.

The Mayor also is expected to announce appointments soon to the Park, Playground, Police and Fire commissions.

Dr. A. S. Keenan, who was appointed to the Board of Health two months ago to fill the unexpired term of Dr. A. P. O'Brien, has been reappointed by the Mayor. Dr. O'Brien's term expired on December 23. He was unable to continue his duties because of ill health.

Major Charles H. Kendrick, whose term as a member of the City Planning Commission also expired on December 23, was likewise reappointed.



Fire Dept.

By LIEUT. FRED JONES

ENGINE 29 lost another one of its dashing members when Pengle was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Good luck to you, Bubbles.

Podesta of Engine 9 played the part of a hero when he rescued three painters from the rocks underneath a dock near the engine house.

Derham who has entertained the members of Engine 1 for many years with his deep bass voice has a rival now in Fahey who claims that when it comes to singing "Asleep in the deep" he has no equal.

It certainly looks good to see our old friend, Operator Lucy, back on the job after that long siege of sickness.

Anybody in need of help in the line of digging holes can be accommodated by applying to the Siamese twins on Engine 7, Johnny and Willie.

Gilhooley of Engine 3 just returned from his vacation. Pete took in the southern part of the state and also crossed the border.

Pyritz, the candy kid of Truck 14, needed a truck to handle his order for Christmas.

Elrod the crack shot of Engine 4 has not met with much success in the line of duck shooting this year. Maybe it's the gun, Jesse.

Lieut. Carr of Engine 5 has them all beaten when it comes to figuring out extra watches. Hughie can tell just to the day when his next one is due.

O'Malley of Engine 6 claims that he has eaten many a dish of corn beef and cabbage, but had to pass when Richter cooked it lately. It seems that Charlie bought some horse meat by mistake.

Prudden, the Beau Brummell of Engine 8, has challenged Saxon of Truck 4 to a black bottom contest. Looks like a toss up, boys.

The boys of Engine 10 and Truck 7 turned out some beautiful Chirstmas Tree stands for their friends. Sutter and Bandoni put the artistic touch to them.

Captain Byrne of Engine 11 certainly put in a heavy month during December. Yes, there is plenty to burn yet over there, Jim.

Operator Moore of District 1 has placed his order for a new Ford. No doubt you will get 40 miles to a gallon, Andy.

During the recent fire in Butchertown in which Engine 13 responded, the members of Engine 7 covered their quarters and enjoyed a very nice boiled dinner which was left on the stove.

McLaughlin of Engine 14 has joined the ranks of benedicts. The members of the company attended the wedding and presented him with a beautiful gift.

Operator Brady of District 4 is still on the sick list and from the last report is improving rapidly.

Lieut. Dupuis of Engine 16 is back on the job after spending a very pleasant vacation touring the state.

Lieut. Washington is back at his old stamping grounds at Engine 17, after a short detour. Guess the old alley folks looks good, Dick.

Engine 18 has certainly had some service during the past few months. Better send a special call for some red ink, Phil.

Engines 15 and 20 are to be congratulated on their new Captains.

Bradley of Truck 13 is looking for a good hair restorer. Why not purchase a toupe and save money, Legs?

The wood corporation of Engine 39 has dissolved partnership for the year. The boys were paid off in watermelon seeds by Secretary Barnes.

Crowe of Truck 11 is looking for a good fish net so he can catch the medicine ball at the drill tower.

Engine 21 can boast of another electrical expert in Davis. Between Noonan and Davis they should make Edison jealous.

Lieut. Walsh of Engine 22 challenges any member of the department to a game of tennis. Morris, take notice.

Frohman of Engine 23 played the part of Santa Claus on three different occasions Christmas Day. Good work, Henry.

Lieut. O'Connell of Engine 24 has mastered the ice skates. Denny can be seen most any night when he is off out at the rink writing his name on the ice.

Lieut. Rose of Engine 25 has purchased a modern motorcycle. Why not wait for the new Fords, Jack, as you can pack more in them.

Anybody who is about to discard their skid chains can have same called for by calling up Breen of Engine 26. John will need plenty of them when he attempts to drive over the Tioga Pass in June.

Lieut. Brink of Truck 11 is the owner of a newly painted helmet. 'Tis rumored that Morrison was the artist.

Carli of Engine 27 is all burned up over the statement made by Bandoni of Engine 10, relative to being the best Italian cook in the department. We sincerely hope that they will stage a contest.

Here is one from Captain Smith of Engine 29 that will help to pass the time away. A brakeman and a bum are on a train that is traveling 50 miles per hour, the bum is 50 feet in front of the brakeman in the direction the train is traveling. The brakeman shoots a revolver at the bum. How long will it take the bullet to hit the bum if the speed of the bullet is 50 miles per hour?

The feminine sex all wondered what became of Tom Brady of One Truck when he left for Tia Juana and points south on his vacation. Better leave your forwarding address next time, Tom.

It seems that "birds of a feather flock together". Dan Sullivan, he of the Rescue Squad, also known as the "Great Lover," went south with Tom. Kind of hard on the women friends?

Ed Lamb of Truck One who sponsored the new vacation idea would like to hear from the younger generation of the Department who are very actively supporting him.

City and County Offices

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE

By I. A. Richardson

SAN FRANCISCO gave the State of California a Christmas gift of $1,225,564.42 last month when City Treasurer John Thieler presented State Treasurer Charles G. Johnson with a check for that amount. The check was handed over on December 20 and represented the semi-annual settlement with the state controller involving collections of inheritance taxes, unclaimed estates from the public administrator, absent heir money and state institution appropriations.

Inheritance taxes collected by the treasurer during the period from May 3 to December 5 totaled $1,052,096.45. The largest sum received from one estate was $237,500 from the estate of the late William F. Herrin, chief counsel for the Southern Pacific. The smallest amount was eight cents received from the estate of John W. Gloeckler. Money from unclaimed estates deposited by the public administrator amounted to $91,547.51.

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The treasurer has received the Bernal Cut bonds voted last June and now holds them ready for delivery. Half of the amount, or $700,000, were sold more than a month ago.

The Memorial Hall bonds are in the hands of the lithographer and have been promised for delivery early in January.

The Boulevard issue of $9,380,000 will go into the hands of the lithographer as soon as competitive bids are received. This issue will be rushed through in order to facilitate their sale and the opening of work on the new highway projects.

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"Louie" Denney has been placed in the receiving teller's cage by Treasurer Thieler. His smile should do no harm to the cause of the treasurer and the public. But he will be missed in the "school-marm's" pay day line.

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Allerton L. Hewlett, acting deputy treasurer, left the service on December 15 owing to the certification of two new deputies "off the list" as a result of the recent civil service examinations. Al certainly will be missed around the office and the whole staff hopes that he will soon "hook up" with a worth while billet. Al passed practically at the head of the list, but as he had no veterans' credits, lost out by a narrow margin. In horse-racing parlance, had he extended his tongue he might have won. Al spent fifteen years in the treasurer's office and is certainly a fine all-around man.

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The two new deputies are Joseph D. McDevitt and Lawrence F. Cames. McDevitt is a son of Ed McDevitt of the assessor's office. He is 29 years old and comes from the Anglo-London Paris National Bank, where he spent twelve years as a teller. He is a native son and an ex-service man. Measuring up to his "old man's" record will be a target worth shooting at. Cames, aged 32, has had nine years' experience in the Internal Revenue office in San Francisco. He, too, is a native son.

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Since the last issue Officer Edward Hagen has vacated his post as guard on the day watch on the main floor of the treasurer's office. He was transferred to the Mission station. Good luck to a fine fellow say all of us, from the boss down.

Officer John Cooney from Richmond station has taken Hagen's place. He is a son of the late Lieutenant Martin Cooney, long at the Bush Street station. Officer Cooney spent four years with the fire department before joining the police force.

RECORDER'S OFFICE

ONE of the social events of the holiday season for this office was the marriage on December 29, of E. O. Fritschen and Miss Cecelia Lawrence. The wedding took place in the chambers of Judge E. P. Mogan with most of the staff of the Recorder's Office in attendance.

Those who were missing from the wedding were down in front of the City Hall decorating the car of the bridegroom with crepe and with signs, telling the wide world just what had happened to him. When the bride and groom emerged after the ceremony they were showered with rice and old shoes.

The bride was attractively dressed in a going-away suit of blue, while Fritschen created a sensation by appearing in spats and carrying a cane. As soon as they could break away from their friends, they clambered into their decorated car and started for Southern California, where they are spending their honeymoon.

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Joe Dupuie informed fellow workers that he intended to spend New Year's in Hollywood, but when last seen was just outside of Napa.

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The most popular man in the office, judged by the number of Christmas cards he received, was Bert Mahony. They had a remarkable effect on him, too, because every time one came, he would gallop his trusty typewriter across the sheet of paper in front of him until co-workers thought he would burn out a bearing.

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Jessie received a beautiful silver dresser set from her "intended" as a Christmas gift. Someone was mean enough to say it should have been an alarm clock.

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Eddie Hanifin was heard asking an oil station attendant for some red oil for the tail light of his machine.

The San Francisco Hospital

By MRS. MAE H. NOONAN

EVERY effort was made at the San Francisco Hospital to make the 843 patients happy on Christmas Day. All wards were decorated by the nurses with the colors of the holiday season, and Christmas trees were placed where they might be enjoyed by all. Musical entertainment was furnished in the courtyards, and many kind friends sang carols.

Miss Eunice Glenn, nurse in charge of the men's surgical ward, was sent a large Christmas tree from the Lake Tahoe region. She had the tree sent to the ward, and there it was decorated with lights and ornaments from her home. We are particularly indebted to the public schools in our immediate vicinity and to the Parent-Teachers' Association for their kindness in remembering the children. The Glenn Park Parent-Teachers' Association furnished entertainment for the tuberculosis patients; the Yolandsdale School of San Anselmo sent picture books; the Horace Mann pupils sent books; the Sanchez School remembered us with books, posters, candy and toys; the Girls' High School pupils contributed books, and we are happy to thank the Edward Robeson School, Le Conte and Hawthorne schools for decorated Christmas trees.

Many kind friends of sick children also sent gifts. Santa Claus invited all of the children's wards and gifts were appropriately distributed.

Over seventeen hundred pounds of turkey were enjoyed by those who were in the hospital on Christmas Day.

In order to make our new children's wards in the tuberculosis department more attractive, S. I. Wormser very graciously provided handsome drapes and bookcases.

It is with regret that we report the death of our chief cook, Charles Knapp, and of our night Cook, Mr. Arkenberg.

The report from the municipal ward is that all patients are making progress and are now on the road to recovery. Some of those convalescing are Corporal Allan Moran, William O'Holleran, Dennis McKeon, Thomas Brady, Jack Cavanagh, Lucien Farley and Jack Vogel.

Dr. Raymond R. Scott, our resident physician, recently went to Bakersfield to visit his father, who was injured in an automobile accident.

Dr. Donald C. Collins, house officer, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents in Hollywood, and Dr. Carleton Mathewson went to Fresno.

Parks and Museums

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Legion of Honor, will be on view there from January 16 to 31.

The International Exhibition of Modern art closed at the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh on December 4 and the European section then went to Brooklyn. This section, comprising about 250 paintings, will come to the Legion of Honor Palace on April 2 and the showing will continue until May 13. These pictures will not be shown elsewhere in the United States.

M. H. deYoung Memorial Museum

CURATOR GEORGE H. BARRON during a trip to Santa Barbara in December secured the gift to the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum of a fine saddle valued at many thousands of dollars, which had been the property of the late Dixie W. Thompson. This saddle is made of embossed leather heavily adorned with silver knobs and other elaborate ornaments. The bridle, with Spanish bit, is also of silver, as are the highly ornate reins, corona, and martingale. The cinch is of leather and horse-hair, and there is also a horse-hair lariat. Over $5,000 worth of silver was used in the outfit. Besides this the gift includes Thompson's Mexican sombrero, a huge affair heavily embroidered in gold thread.

Dixie W. Thompson was a prominent pioneer and ranchero of Santa Barbara, and he had this outfit made in 1889. He rode with it in the Native Sons parade of 1890, and it was exhibited at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893. Mrs. Nancy Thompson, Thompson's widow, who died recently, left the outfit to her niece, Mrs. Frances Sweet of Santa Barbara, who decided to give it to the de Young Museum.

Following is the lecture schedule for the de Young Museum for the month of January: January, Louis C. Towne in the Numismatics gallery; the fourth and eighth, Miss Helen Gordon Barker on jades and Chinese sepulcher pieces; the eleventh and fifteenth Mr. Towne on arms and armour; the eighteenth and twenty-second Miss Barker in the Colonial galleries; the twenty-fifth and twenty-ninth Mr. Towne in the nautical gallery. All these lectures are free to the public and they take place on Wednesdays beginning at two o'clock and on Sundays at four.

SCHOOL PRESIDENT HONORED

Graduates of the San Francisco State Teachers' College honored the new president of the college, Dr. Alexander Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts with a tea at the Hotel Oakland on Tuesday, December 20. The tea was given during the week of the Annual Convention of the California Teachers' Association.

Ten Years of Achievement

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where Mr. Bartell had built a nine-foot tunnel and showed that he knew his business. He supervised the construction of the Duboce tunnel.

"Mr. Hackley of this department invented a concrete gun for placing concrete by which the labor cost has been reduced to 42 cents per cubic yard. Through the work of Mr. Bartell and Mr. Cook, our chemist, a mixture of sand, gravel and cement was devised which has proved to be the best concrete in use in San Francisco. It stands 2900 pounds per square inch."

Mr. O'Shaughnessy then touched upon difficulties in construction of the tunnel due to the finding of two different formations of rock. Draining the water from one formation caused houses on the hill to settle slightly, some of them as much as two inches.

In speaking of Municipal Railway earnings, the chief predicted that the K and L lines, running through the Twin Peaks tunnel, would produce an annual revenue of more than $1,000,000 in five years. The roadway was built through the tunnel on a three per cent grade, he said, to carry rapid transit trains down the peninsula in the future.

"We have surveys extending from the Twin Peaks tunnel portal clear down to the county line," he said, "and are making studies down to San Mateo so that some day in the future San Francisco will have a first-class interurban line down to San Mateo."

THE chief told of his first visit to Hetch Hetchy in September, 1912, with a pack man named Bill Williams, who disappeared two weeks afterward and was never heard from again. Work was started April 1, 1914.

"I owe more to Mr. Rankin on this Hetch Hetchy pioneer work than any other man," he said. "I picked him out to take charge of our work and said to him: 'You will have to make that survey from Hog Ranch into Hetch Hetchy and the work must be graded in nine months.' He hired an outfit of eight or nine men and a cook and went to work. After the first week the cook quit and Mr. Rankin's plucky little wife assisted for ten days with the cooking. This illustrates the spirit of the Engineering Department, never to lie down but, under all circumstances, keep the work going."

The chief spoke of the phenomenal record of the Moccasin Creek power plant which has been delivering one and one-third million kilowatt hours every day since August 21, 1925, delivering a full load every day in the year without a single breakdown.

"That cannot be said of any other power plant in the state of California. I am very proud of the work of Mr. Rankin and Chief Electrical Engineer Paul J. Ost and all the other men who worked faithfully for the city in spite of all the abuse to which we have been subjected during the past five years. To Mr. Searls, special city attorney, who was assigned to me for ten years, a great deal of credit is due. Mr. Searls has been very ably assisted by Mr. Joe Phillips, who has a happy faculty of paying people about one-third of what they ask and leaving them smiling. Mr. Phillips has lately been assisted by Mr. O'Toole in getting the right of way for the mountain division.

"The money spent on Hetch Hetchy to date amounts to $51,500,000. We have about $3,500,000 unspent, which will finish the shafts and the mile and a half in the east side of the tunnel. That work will be done in about five months and then we will need $24,000,000 to carry the pipe line across the San Joaquin Valley and build 28.6 miles of tunnels between Tesla and Irvington.

"Half of our work at present is done by contract and half by our own day labor men. The record for best speed progress in the United States was made by one of our day groups, 803 feet in the one month of September, this year."

THE chief spoke in commendation of L. T. McAfee, who built the Twin Peaks and Stockton Street tunnels and who is now building the tunnel from Moccasin Creek to the San Joaquin Valley.

"Then," he continued, "we have Mr. McAtee, Mr. Wehner, Mr. Best and Mr. O'Brien, his assistants, and we have our electrical department, second to none in the United States, in charge of Mr. Ost, a graduate of the University of Kansas; Mr. Thornton Easler, a graduate of Stanford, and Mr. Johns, a graduate of the University of California.

"Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Stocker are our chief designers. Mr. McIntosh is the oldest employee in my department who has been constantly in my service for twenty years. He was with me down in San Diego, where I was chief engineer of the Spreckels water system. Mr. Stocker is a wonderful man in research and almost performed a miracle—he walked through the submarine pipe under the bay at Dumbarton."

Examinations Announced

THE Civil Service Commission has given notice of the following examinations:

Promotive examination to rank of Field Nurse to be held Wednesday, January 11, at 1:30 o'clock in the examination chambers of the commission. Eligible for the examination are all civil service employees of the Board of Health who, on the date of the examination, are under appointment as Civil Service Institutional Nurses or as Civil Service Graduate Nurses, and who have served the probationary periods in such positions. Receipt of applications closes January 6 at 5 p. m.

Pharmacists: to be held Friday, January 20, at 1:30 p. m., in the examination chambers of the commission. The existing list of eligibles will be abolished upon the adoption of the new list. Applicants must be licensed pharmacists in this state, citizens of the United States, 21 years of age or over, residents of San Francisco for at least one year preceding date of examination. Application blanks may be had at the office of the commission. Receipt of applications closes at 5 o'clock Friday, January 13.

The Board of Supervisors has authorized the issuance of the $9,380,000 highway bonds voted at the November election.

Count Gottfried von Bismarck, grandson of the noted statesman, Prince Otto von Bismarck, was a guest of the city on December 24.

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WORKS' INSPECTOR VICTIM OF AUTO

Employees of the Board of Public Works were deeply shocked last month at the death of Charles Lynch, inspector, who passed away at the San Francisco Hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident on December 8. The accident occurred at Shotwell and Twenty-eighth streets where Lynch's car was struck by another machine. The injured man lingered for a week before passing away on December 15.

Rain Fails to Dampen Ardor of Boy Traffic Squads

By A. J. CLOUD
Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools

WHILE old Jupiter Pluvius interfered considerably with the festivities which had been arranged for the first annual gathering of the San Francisco Public School traffic squads on Tuesday afternoon, December 13, nevertheless the boys turned out in large numbers and did not seem to have their ardor dampened in the least by the overflowing skies.

The traffic squads were organized five years ago through the suggestion, originally, of the California State Automobile Association. The association has provided the boys with arm insignia and other equipment and has shown an abiding interest in the maintenance of the organization at a high pitch of efficiency.

—Photo by Boye

The San Francisco Police Department, too, has been most active in giving assistance. Police officers have been detailed to the service of drilling and training the boys in the performance of their duties. The mayor and the school authorities have bestowed their favor upon the traffic squads, as well.

On the occasion cited above, it had been planned to hold a review and parade in honor of the boys of the traffic squads. It was felt that the city had reason to congratulate itself upon the creditable performance of these youngsters, who stand at street crossings near their respective schools directing traffic and preventing accidents to pedestrians, particularly to younger girls and boys in attendance in the schools.

While the parade was of necessity deferred on account of the boisterous weather, a program which aroused the enthusiasm of the boys was carried out in the fine new auditorium of the High School of Commerce.

The boys, assembled to the number of 1500 in the auditorium, pierced the ceiling with their catchy school yells; and, particularly, manifested their cordiality to Mayor Rolph by their prolonged cheering when he appeared on the platform, and when he delivered one of his happy speeches of encouragement and appreciation.

Undoubtedly the first annual assemblage of the boy traffic squads will linger long in the memories of these young citizens, who are even now giving evidence of high civic interest and achievement by their participation in the activities of the boy traffic squads.

James Haffenger, fireman with Engine 12, has been pensioned for disability by the Fire Commissioners as the result of injuries sustained in an explosion two years ago.

Of Interest to Women

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showing in several pastel shades. If the material was of the finest and the colors deep and courageous, one could contemplate another generation of gorgeously attired masculinity, swashbuckling and truculent.

Caesar, nor Charlemagne, nor Napoleon despised personal adornment. But in heaven's name, what can we expect from a nation of men clad in pastel shaded flimsy near-silk that would burst at the first heave of a properly developed shoulder muscle? O tempora, O mores! Better the red flannel and the flourishing whiskers of the early day pioneers. Better even the shaved neck and the knobby toed shoe. Better even the ruthless derby hat, and yes—for I am desperate, better even the long-tailed night shirt.

I propose three rousing cheers for the courageous and artistic members of the Players' Guild. First "The Jest," and then "Young Woodley," presented at the Community Playhouse, showed that modern or classic drama is all one to a skillful director blest with good and sincere actors. This is a project to be fostered and cherished by every lover of the theater within commuting distance. There is always a list of delightful plays ready at hand for the producer of the little theater genre, plays that would be impractical for a big metropolitan production and that, unless some public-spirited citizens conspire to show them, would stay in New York to our eternal loss. More power to the "Theatre Guild."

That's quite enough gossip for one month. Happy New Year and everything.

OPEN HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S

By Martha Adams
The Best Foods Home Economics Service

WE ARE always torn between going calling and receiving callers on New Year's Day, but so far the latter has always won out. The holiday decorations, the big Christmas cake which we baked with such care weeks ago, the general spirit of festivity, school holiday and new resolutions—what better background for the ushering in of the new year by sharing one's home with old and new friends in simple hospitality to welcome in the year which may give most of us many occasions for thanking Providence for our friends.

The New Year open house requires the simplest type of refreshments. Informal notes or word-of-mouth invitations bring guests at every hour of the afternoon and in unknown numbers. Service of the buffet and tea wagon variety will suit this friendly hospitality and with one or two friends to "pour," the hostess can really enjoy herself at her own party.

Of course we get out our prettiest china and serve the finest coffee or tea we have in our treasure chest. As this is a season of gastronomic celebrations the sandwiches and cakes can be made of a fairylike nothingness to tempt the eye rather than nourish and sustain.

One of our friends contributed from her years of experience an addition to our menu which found favor instantly with all ages, in tiny cream puffs so dainty that even gloved fingers could handle them with ease. We made them that morning by putting one-half cup of Nucoa and one cup of boiling water into a saucepan and as soon as the boiling point was reached a cup of flour was stirred in vigorously. As soon as these were well blended, we broke in four unbeaten eggs, one at a time, beating until each one was thoroughly mixed in. This mixture was dropped by teaspoonfuls on a buttered sheet, making them as nearly circular as possible, and they were baked for thirty minutes in a hot oven. The result was about thirty tiny puffs which we filled with the mixture, which gave them their distinctive flavor.

This mixture was a filling for which we mixed four tablespoonfuls of creamed Nucoa with six tablespoonfuls of flour. In another bowl we mixed three-quarters of a cup of brown sugar with two slightly beaten eggs and a pinch of salt. The two mixtures were put together and well blended. In the meantime, two cups of milk were scalding with three teaspoonfuls of caramel syrup (which we had previously made by caramelizing one-half cup of sugar, adding one-third cup of boiling water and letting it boil until a thick syrup was formed). This milk mixture was added gradually and the whole cooked for fifteen minutes in a double boiler.

Delinquency

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physical defects corrected if possible, and mental abnormalities of a more or less serious nature referred to the best psychiatrists in the city.

Many of these cases upon dismissal return to society in a well adjusted condition after their behavior difficulties have been thoroughly analyzed and opened up to them in clear and concise terms. The child's future conflict with the law is lessened to the smallest degree possible because the original conflict in the home or school has been overcome. Removing the conflict at home or at school in turn removes the conflict within the child's own personality which has caused him to become a problem.

It is up to the people of San Francisco and the Board of Education to look to the Adjustment School plan as an aid to the solution of a workable scheme adopted to the nature and needs of the problem child. By the creation of a definite full-time program for every child who exhibits traits and characteristics difficult for the average teacher to adjust, a great step forward will have been made toward the lessening of delinquency and toward relieving the crowded condition of our Detention Home.

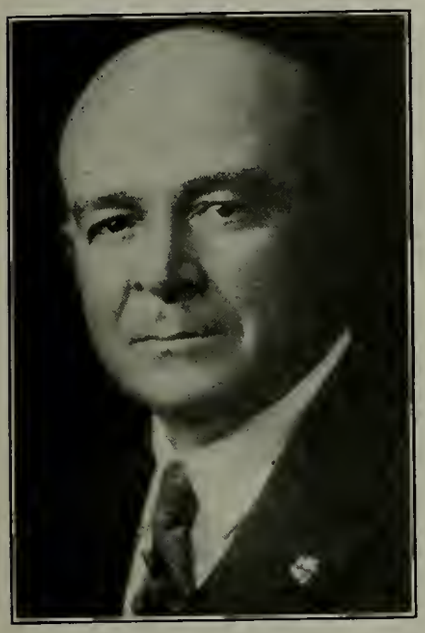
Supervisor John B. Badaracco has been chosen president of a new highway district formed to build a scenic highway between San Francisco and Santa Cruz.

County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy has requested the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to appropriate funds for employment of five additional deputies.

San Francisco's "old timers" honored retiring Supervisor Lewis Byington with a banquet on December 17.

State Officers Send Greetings

TWO state officials who take a keen interest in the affairs of San Francisco are Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan and State Treasurer Charles G. Johnson, both of whom have asked the Municipal Employee to extend their greetings to the city government of San Francisco and its employees.



FRANK C. JORDAN

Mr. Jordan has been secretary of state since 1910, a record of nearly eighteen years in this responsible position. When his present term expires he will have completed a third of a century in the office. Born in Shasta County, near Redding, on April 3, 1860, his family moved eight years later to Oakland, where he went to school.

After school he entered business until 1894, when he was elected county clerk of Alameda County. He was re-elected in 1898 and in 1904 made a successful race for the position of clerk of the Supreme Court.

CHARLES G. JOHNSON

He was nominated for Secretary of State at the first primary election ever held in California and was elected in November, 1910.

State Treasurer Johnson came to San Francisco in 1892 from Minnesota and attended the Lincoln Evening School and the Humboldt Evening High School. He worked during the day to contribute to the household needs of his parents.

During the gold rush of 1901 he pioneered in Alaska and became territorial manager of one of the large trading companies. He was a miner in the days when Rawhide, Nevada, was a busy camp. Later he organized the Swedish American Bank of San Francisco and was appointed State Superintendent of Weights and Measures, a position he held for eight years.

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City Mourns Passing of Gavin McNab

SELDOM does the loss of a public citizen bring to the people of a city so poignant a grief as that felt over the sudden passing on December 28 of Gavin McNab.

News of his death came to the City Hall as a shock, at first discredited. When the report was proved authentic Mayor Rolph found it necessary to retire to his private office to regain control of his emotions. Many other city officials to whom Mr. McNab had been a stalwart friend for many years found it difficult to conceal their grief.

Only a few minutes before his death he had been talking with Sheriff-Elect Fitzgerald and had congratulated him upon his appointments.

Although he had never held public office Gavin McNab had been a true public servant, lending his strength and his brilliant mind to the support of those whom he believed best fitted to administer the affairs of the people. He battled always on the side of righteousness, opening his career nearly half a century ago to fight the corruption of the bosses who then held San Francisco in their power.

Although then but a youth, his energy and his sagacity succeeded in bringing out a vote that swamped the ticket of the bosses and kicked them forever out of authority. When, a decade later, Boss Crimmins gained control of the city government, McNab again entered the political lists, this time in support of the Hon. James D. Phelan as candidate for mayor, and again he succeeded in cleaning out the Augean stables.

A man of brilliant mind, a love for humanity only equaled by the love felt for him by his hundreds of friends, a man of unusual wit, unsurpassed courage and conspicuous honor, it is small wonder that his sudden death should have brought so sharp a sense of loss to his friends at the City Hall.

In the words of Dr. Clampett, who delivered the funeral oration at the First Presbyterian Church:

"A giant oak of the forest has fallen. His spirit is with his God."

Retirement Conference Busy

MANY suggestions for amendments to the Retirement System have been coming in to the newly organized Municipal Retirement Conference since its first meeting, November 16, and are now in the hands of the committee.

Edward M. Coffey, representative of the Civil Service Association and chairman of the committee in charge of the receipt of these suggestions, has announced, as this issue goes to press, that he is preparing to call an important meeting for the purpose of considering the suggestions made. They will then be formulated and presented to the Board of Administration of the Retirement System for consideration with the result of the Actuarial survey now nearing completion.

This magazine hopes to be able to present in its next issue a resumé of the suggested changes together with a report on the progress of the Conference.

Supervisors Warren Shannon and J. Emmet Hayden are on their way East to appear before the Democratic National Committee to present the claims of San Francisco for the national convention.

School Department

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IT IS important that our citizens should know what the public schools are doing specifically in civic training.

So much unwarranted disapproval of the conduct of young people today is current, and they are so often charged with taking irresponsible attitudes toward law and order, that it is perhaps well to pause to look on the other side of the picture. It would certainly be hard to imagine what conditions would be if the continued and well directed influence of the school were not constantly in evidence through its training for good citizenship.

In San Francisco, we have an excellent course in citizenship both in the elementary and the high schools. The course begins when the child is in his tender years and develops side by side with his increasing maturity, until at the end of the high school it is a highly organized treatment of the problems of American democracy. Furthermore, in athletic contests, physical education games, and similar activities, much stress is laid upon good sportsmanship as exemplified in honesty, fair play, teamwork, and obedience to the rules.

We believe that the people should judge results by the great number of decent, well-behaved boys and girls who go forth each year, becoming self-respecting and worthy members of the community, rather than by the instances of the exceptional few who have become antisocial in their conduct.

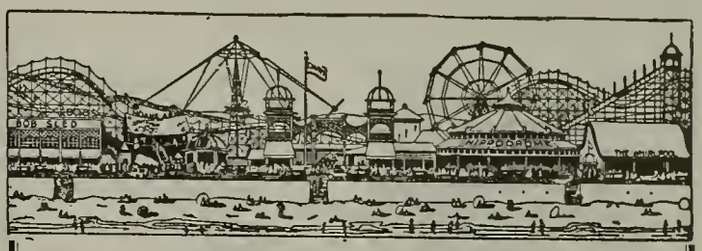
IN RECENT years much light has been cast upon the growth of little children and their needs by scientific investigation. As an outcome, the kindergarten and primary grades have been drawn together, and there is now no break in the child's education in passing from the kindergarten to the first grade. A peep into the kindergarten and primary classrooms of today in San Francisco discloses a busy children's workshop—a world of "doings" of little children. The buildings themselves are built for the work of the children. Each tiny tot has his own built-in cabinet in which he may keep his own belongings and for which he alone is responsible. Fascinating books on the library tables in every classroom lure eager children into the land of story folk. Beautiful pictures are hung low enough for children to see and enjoy them. Tables and chairs provide a comfortable movable background for the interesting things going on in the classroom.

The year 1927 saw several new kindergartens established and the enrollments grew in considerable numbers. In all new school buildings specially designed and equipped kindergarten rooms are being supplied.

Chief Becomes Sailor

FIRE CHIEF THOMAS MURPHY and Ray Taylor, City Hall reporter for The Bulletin, will be taking to the water soon in their new power yacht The Firebell, now nearing completion in the plant of the United Ship Repair Company.

The Firebell is to be equipped with a powerful Scripps engine. It is 26 feet overall and will have a cruising radius of about 100 miles. The yacht was designed by Dan Sutherland, general manager of the United Ship Repair Company, who declares it will be one of the finest craft on the bay.



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Enesco To Be "Pop" Star

GEORGES ENESCO, noted Roumanian violinist and composer, will make his most important Pacific Coast appearance this season as guest artist with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra the night of January 12 in the Civic Auditorium. The musical event will be the second municipal "pop" concert of the 1927-28 series.

Enesco has been the teacher of Yehudi Menuhin, San Francisco's boy wonder violinist, for the past few years, and his concert here is being awaited with interest. He made his American debut three years ago and won instant recognition as one of the outstanding figures in the world of music.

Richard Aldrich, in the New York Times, declared of Enesco's first concert:

"His rhythm, his intonation, his technical mastery and the truly musical quality of his phrasing are unfailing. He was heard in the sonata for violin and piano and in the solo sonata for violin in C Major, to both of which he gave a performance of great beauty. The unaccompanied sonata is one that violinists usually avoid on account of its difficulty and great length, especially the fugue. He took this at a deliberate pace, but the deliberateness was well repaid by the perfection with which all its difficulties were presented."

Conductor Alfred Hertz has declared that the Enesco "pop" event will undoubtedly be one of the best musical attractions of the entire season. He is preparing an unusually popular program for the concert, he has informed Chairman Franck R. Havenner of the Auditorium Committee.

Yehudi Menuhin is also scheduled to make his most important Coast appearance this year as a guest artist in the city "pop" series. He will play with the Hertz organization the night of February 12. Reduced rate season tickets, including Enesco, Menuhin, Harold Bauer, pianist, and Beniamino Gigli, the great Metropolitan tenor, may now be had at the Kearny Street store of Sherman Clay & Company at from $1 to $4 for the entire series of four concerts. Single seats for Enesco are also on sale.

Lindy Sends Thanks

COLONEL CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, who is now winning new honors in South and Central America, remembers with a sense of delight the reception given him in San Francisco during his visit here last fall. Just before he hopped off for Mexico City in December he sent the following letter to Mayor Rolph:

"Dear Mayor: Through you I wish to express my deep appreciation to the City and County of San Francisco for the generous gift of the medal and the honor done me in making me an honorary citizen. This memento will remain one of the many reasons I have for remembering with pleasure the kindness and hospitality of your great city.

"Sincerely yours,

"C. A. LINDBERGH."

Arrangements have been made by Mayor Rolph and Postmaster Harry Todd to install a branch postoffice in the City Hall. It will probably be located in a portion of the space now occupied by Registrar Zemansky's office.

By Walter Smith

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who had not seen the extent of the destruction in war time.

On our way to the American Cemetery at Belleau Woods, we passed a German cemetery (they were marked with black crosses) and it was impressive to see our guide, a Frenchman, salute as he passed. The American Cemetery at Belleau Woods is kept in wonderful condition. There I located the grave of one of my Buddies, less fortunate than I, and as I placed a wreath upon it, there came back to me with a rush the full horror of what we had all been through.

FROM Belleau we traveled on to Rheims through territory that had been hotly contested during the war, and visited the Cathedral and a champagne cellar which was particularly interesting, due to the invitation to sample its contents. From Rheims we continued along the old Hindenburg Line to Soissons and thence back to Paris.

After the week of the convention in Paris we left for Marseilles and then went on to Nice and Monte Carlo, where some of the boys donated. This is extremely beautiful country with wonderful drives overlooking the Mediterranean. From Nice we went on to Geneva where we visited the home of Christopher Columbus and as many other places of interest as our short stay would allow. Thence we continued on to Pisa and to Rome. Here we saw St. Peter's, the Vatican, the Pantheon, the ruins of the Coliseum and the Catacombs.

From Rome we traveled on to Florence with its wonderful mosaic factories, and then on to Venice which, to us, was the most interesting city in Italy. It was strange not to be able to hail a taxi after getting off the train. Instead, we were ushered into a gondola. There are no vehicles of any kind in Venice, all traveling being done afoot or by gondola. Here we visited some of the famed glass factories and learned that the workers use the same primitive tools as have been in use for centuries.

At Milan, our last stop in Italy, we visited the various churches and saw the original of the famous painting "The Last Supper." Entering Switzerland at Lake Como we passed through marvelous country, full of mountain torrents and waterfalls, arriving at Lake Lucerne in the evening. This was an awe-inspiring trip, the train traveling many times above the clouds.

AFTER a short stay in Switzerland, we went on to Heidelberg, where we sampled the most famous beer in the world, and then crossed the Rhine and continued on to Coblenz and Cologne. The next day we journeyed through Brussels and Ostend and thence, by channel steamer, to Dover, England. We arrived in London about ten o'clock at night. We had remarkably good weather in London and visited many interesting points, including the Houses of Parliament which was said to have been a special privilege.

We came home on the huge American liner, the Leviathan. This vessel is like a small city. On board it is possible to purchase practically anything, except liquor. After five and a half days we again greeted the Statue of Liberty, this time in a downpour of rain. After three days there, we were glad to start west again, stopping, however, at Niagara Falls and again at Chicago.

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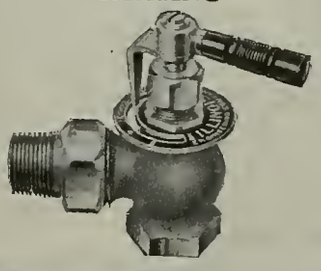

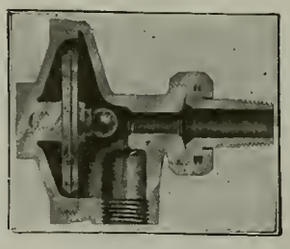

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First Aid Talk Given

PRACTICALLY the entire staff of the Department of Electricity was present in the office of the Fire Commission on December 22 when S. C. Dickinson, safety engineer for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, gave a talk on first aid. Chief of the department, Ralph Wiley, was among the interested listeners. Harold Gerber, an inspector in the department, acted as a willing subject to illustrate the points made by the speaker. Gerber was formerly on one of the first aid teams of the company.

By resolution of the Board of Supervisors, the name of Portsmouth Square, opposite the Hall of Justice, is to be changed to Portsmouth Plaza.

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C. L. Balliette, President; Ivan Flamm, Vice-President; Edw. M. Coffey, Recording Secretary; Chas. W. Meyer, Secretary; Percy R. Hennessy, Treasurer; Wm. P. O'Connor, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Executive Committee, Daniel J. McGloin, Chairman, meets third Wednesday night of each month, at 8 o'clock, Room 228, City Hall. Edwin J. McDevitt, Assessor's Office; John I. Bradley, Auditor's Office; Jas. A. Wilson, County Clerk's Office; Daniel J. McGloin, Recorder's Office; Wm. J. Carr, Sheriff's Office. Edw. C. Harrington, Tax Office; Louis Claveloux, Treasurer's Office; J. H. Zemansky, Department of Elections; C. L. Balliette, Department of Electricity; Dan V. Drew, Coroner's Department; W. H. Griffin, Clerk, Board of Works; Jas. W. Reinfeld, Mechanics, Board of Works; Ivan Flamm, Engineering and Architecture, Board of Works; George E. Bosch, Janitors, Board of Works; J. George Thoma, Department of Health; Walter T. Lee, Department of Health; Wm. McMahon, Department of Education.

Ex-officio Members—Past Presidents John W. Rogers, Chas. M. Wollenberg, James J. Beatty, Daniel J. McGloin, John Hannan, James W. Reinfeld, John I. Bradley, George E. Bosch.

Trustees—Homer Warren, Chairman, Tax Office; James J. Beatty, Municipal Railway; Morris F. Harris, Assessor's Office; Daniel J. Leary, Auditor's Office; Edw. M. Coffey, Recording Secretary, Department of Health, residence 120 Parnassus Avenue; David J. Power, Sheriff's Office; James J. Lynch, Board of Supervisors; Gladys Pollock, Health Department; Chas. W. Meyer, Financial Secretary, Assessor's Office, residence 705 Victoria Street.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

President, Mr. P. H. Rhodes; Vice-President, Miss Frances Mooney; Secretary, Miss Susie A. Ward; Treasurer, Dr. I. C. Hatch. Directors: Miss M. Smith, Miss E. Berard, Miss M. Dunn, W. J. Drew, R. D. Faulkner, C. E. Markley. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month in Room 388.

MUNICIPAL CARMEN'S UNION

Edward D. Vandeleur, President; R. J. Connolly, Vice-President; Thomas Foley, Recording Secretary; Daniel Hanley, Financial Secretary.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

John F. Brady, President; Mrs. Ivy Ostrom, Vice-President; Frances Mooney, Secretary; Mabel Sykes, Treasurer. This Association meets on the third Monday of each month.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

President, S. J. Rosenblum; Vice-President, Andrew Geggus; Second Vice-President, William A. Hamilton; Secretary and Business Representative, William T. Bonsor; Treasurer, Sid Hester; Guardian, Thomas Riley. Meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Progress Hall, Labor Temple.

PER DIEM MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The San Francisco Per Diem Men's Association meets at Carpenter Hall, 112 Valencia Street, near Duboce Avenue, every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

William Horan, President; E. Powers, Vice-President; F. J. Ferguson, Recording Secretary; D. A. Ahern, Financial Secretary; F. Donigan, Treasurer; J. Boyce, Sergeant-at-Arms. Trustees: J. O. Neill, M. Moran, William Coakley. Auditing Committee: T. Daugherty, S. Heenan, W. F. Mock.

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John J. Casey, President; Louis J. Bailey, Vice-President; John F. Coughlan, Recording Secretary; Ivan Flamm, Financial Secretary; Edward Burke, Treasurer; Howard Miller, Sergeant-at-Arms; Andrew Olson, Guide.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month at 8 o'clock in Progress Hall, Labor Temple.

SAN FRANCISCO FEDERATION OF TEACHERS No. 61

Following are officers of the San Francisco Federation of Teachers, No. 61: President, P. J. Mohr; Vice-President, H. P. Dole; Recording Secretary, Miss M. Gertrude Roddy; Financial Secretary, Miss Marcella C. Glazier; Treasurer, Mr. Con Davis. Meets second Monday of each month, Room 227, City Hall.

Retirement System

MEMBERS of the retirement system will hold an election beginning January 31 and closing February 10 to fill the vacancy on the Board of Administration created January 3 when William J. Fitzgerald takes office as sheriff.

The city charter expressly excludes elective officers from membership in the Retirement System and this automatically terminates the membership of the new sheriff on the day he takes office.

Notices are being sent all members of the Retirement System to the effect that nominations will be received from January 4 to January 14 inclusive at the offices of the Retirement System, Room 215. Nominations must be in writing and signed by the persons making the nomination. Every person nominated and every person making a nomination must be a member of the Retirement System. Members nominated will be asked if they will serve, and if they decline their names will not appear on the voting machines.

The regular voting machines will be used in the election. They will be locked and sealed under the joint supervision and control of the Registrar of Voters, Harry J. Zemansky, and the Secretary-Actuary of the Board of Administration, Ralph R. Nelson. Each voter, before being permitted to vote, will be required to sign a roster prepared from the records in the office of the Board of Administration.

The polls will be open each working day from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. except Saturday when they will close at noon. The election will begin on the morning of January 31 and will close at 5 p.m.; February 10.

Immediately after the final closing of the polls the Registrar will commence a public canvass in his office. The individual receiving the highest number of votes will be certified to the Board of Administration and will take office February 20, serving for two years.

Following is a statement of retirements and payments during November:

RETIRED FOR SERVICE

Board of Education: Alice M. Waterbury, teacher. Helen M. Hogan, teacher; Maria R. Norris, secretary; Franklin E. Perham, teacher; Esther Kelly, janitress.

Board of Public Works: Charles E. Osgood, cement finisher; George M. Guldager, conductor; Henry A. Beerman, sweeper.

Treasurer: John J. Grief, deputy.

RETIRED FOR DISABILITY

Board of Education: Alice M. Waterbury, teacher.

Board of Health: Mary E. Keating, field nurse.

DEATH CLAIMS PAID

Board of Public Works: Jerome A. Buckley, sweeper, $1,374.68; James Doyle, asphalt worker, $1,627.92.

San Francisco Hospital: Lisle P. Freligh, supt. of nurses, $1,964.02.

Board of Education: Joseph A. Connolly, janitor, $1,102.77; Belle MacCuaig, stenographer, $1,104.29; Fred C. Miller, teacher, $1,139.14; Elizabeth Venard, teacher, $1,277.15.

Total amount of death claims paid during November, $9,589.97.

Retirement allowances paid to retired members during November, $25,616.84.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving city service during November, $2,948.07.

Total payments to beneficiaries, retired members and ex-members, $38,154.88.

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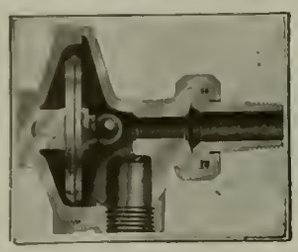

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FEBRUARY 1928

Progress is Keynote of Month

JANUARY has been a month of preparation for big things in San Francisco and has set a pace that will spell accomplishment before the close of the year. The city itself has shaken loose from the usual post-holiday lethargy and is beginning to give evidence of business activity that reflects confidence and prosperity.

The city administration likewise has taken firm hold of some of the important problems awaiting solution. Among these is the decision to hold a bond election in May at which time the voters of San Francisco will be asked to provide funds for the completion of Hetch Hetchy and possibly also for the purchase of the Spring Valley water system.

In order not to jeopardize these two vital issues a decision has been reached to group other important bond issues in a second election either in August or November. Among these are the issue of $5,000,000 for new playgrounds and a similar issue to complete the essential program of the Board of Health.

Meantime the administration has been pressing before Congress its application for a bay bridge permit and is now gathering its forces for adequate presentation of its case before committee. Reports from the national capital are exceedingly favorable.

Since our last issue also the supervisors have found a way of authorizing much needed pay increases to several hundred city employees despite protests of those who sought to delay action until the completion of the standardization survey.

* * *

CITY employees are themselves engaged in two important activities, one of them the election this month of a successor to William J. Fitzgerald, now sheriff, to sit upon the Board of Administration of the Retirement System, and, two, the submission of proposed amendments to the Retirement System. These amendments, six in number, were proposed after a thorough survey of city employees and their organizations and after full discussion before the Municipal Retirement Conference. They will be considered by the Board of Administration in conjunction with the actuarial survey now nearing completion and they represent important changes inuring to the benefit of the city workers.

* * *

THE attention of city employees is called this month to the annual concert and ball of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the Police Department. This is an entertainment that is intrinsically worth while, and its purpose, that of providing for the families of deceased officers, one that is worthy of the city's most enthusiastic support. The concert and ball will be held on the evening of February 18.

Making Opinions Go To Work

By

Walter A. Dold

Chief Deputy

City Attorney

CITY ATTORNEY JOHN J. O'TOOLE
—Photo by Boye

MANY people are of the impression that the office of City Attorney is one to which they may go whenever they are in need of legal advice. Numerous personal and telephonic inquiries attest to this. However, it is the duty of the City Attorney to give advice only, upon written application, to the officers, boards and commissions named in the charter, and then only when the question involves the rights and liabilities of the city and county.

Requests for opinions are of almost daily occurrence, and range from minor matters to those of utmost importance. The questions sent in are so numerous and diverse as to preclude complete specific mention in this article.

Inasmuch as all opinions rendered must be written and based upon the law as it exists, and not upon the whims or caprices of the writers, it is sometimes quite burdensome to render them in the short time allotted. The writing of every opinion requires considerable research and much deliberation. Opinions must not be written haphazardly for several reasons, the principal of which are their inherent immediate importance to the city and county and their historical value for future reference. While one may, at first blush, decide a difficult legal problem in one way, an examination of similar situations throughout the country, frequently alters the entire aspect of the problem.

THE rendition of opinions is an important function of the office of the City Attorney. Mr. John J. O'Toole, as the elective head, requires that all opinions, including those personally written by him, shall be fully and completely discussed by the author with his office associates. The greater percentage are prepared by Mr. O'Toole himself. This system enables the applicant for the opinion to obtain the benefit of several minds instead of only one. A resume of interesting opinions rendered within the past two years may be of moment.

RECENTLY a question arose concerning a matter connected with our local Retirement System. An employee, who was married in 1920, became a member of the system in 1922. He died in 1926. At the time of his death a brother was the designated beneficiary under the insurance plan. Prior to naming his brother as beneficiary, he had at various times named his wife and daughter as such. The question arose as to whether his wife was entitled to any portion of his insurance on the theory that, since the deceased had paid a portion of his salary into the fund, and such portion was community property, the wife would be entitled to her share of the community interest, irrespective of the designation of the brother as beneficiary. It was held that the wife was entitled to one-half of the death benefit, and that the brother was entitled to the remaining half.

In the opinion rendered to the Board of Education, it was held that neither the city and county, nor the Board of Education, were liable for damages as the result of an injury sustained by a student in a school gymnasium, because no negligence was shown. This, of course, is the rule in all cases.

The Board of Fire Commissioners was advised in response to a request, that an officer of the Fire Department could not be demoted as a penalty for being under the influence of liquor while on duty.

A question was submitted by the Traffic Committee of the Board of Supervisors as to whether the speed of loaded vehicles might be limited on the public streets by virtue of an ordinance of the city and county. Based on a recent authority, it was held that the operation of motor vehicles on public streets is not a municipal affair; hence, the state law must govern, and no local ordinance would be valid.

THE assessor requested an opinion as to whether a broker is the owner of stock purchased on margin. It was decided that the marginal customer is the owner of the stock and not the broker. The result of this opinion meant that the customer would be compelled to pay a tax upon the security, and not the broker.

In the early part of 1927, the Board of Park Commissioners desired to be advised concerning whether city and county parks could be used for airplane landing places. An opinion was rendered in the negative, since parks are dedicated only for park purposes.

In an opinion rendered to the Board of Education,

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Wills of the Great

By HENRY F. BOYEN
Attorney for the Public Administrator
Illustrated by Thomas G. Jacques

OF ALL the documents a man writes during his lifetime, his will is the most sharply revealing of his true disposition. Letters, books even, may derive from the pen, and yet tell little of the writer. A will, however, is by its very nature a frank statement of the desires and interest of the testator.

When a man, of great note in his time, has written a long will by his own hand, without consultation or aid from an attorney, he has created a splendid source, not only for the study of the man himself, but of the time in which he lived.

For the purposes of this article, the writer has chosen four famous wills, each composed by the testator, each disposing of a fair fortune, and each expressing the rounded character of the writer of the will beyond a doubt.

Sir Francis Drake, intrepid explorer and soldier of fortune, famous for his explorations of the Pacific Coast among his other remarkable exploits, and a prototype of the magnificent courage and will-to-power of the Elizabethan period; Napoleon, exponent of the supreme development of the individualist; George Washington, first American president, and more than that the veritable precursor of the best of the present day American business man; and Benjamin Franklin, whose best biographer has named him "the first civilized American," and for whom the French government made the most notable honors at his death, the first great American diplomat.

Human types have a way of persisting. Sir Francis Drake was the direct minded adventurer of all time, devout, sincere, simple and courageous, concerned more with the pursuance of his duty without questioning its reason, than with the matters of statecraft, and kindly disposed toward the unfortunate and poverty stricken that had come directly under his observation.

NAPOLEON, the great soldier and statesman, using humanity as a set of chess men to win his game, and greedy for the immortality of his deeds and of his conquests, showed his character clearly enough in his will, over which he labored for ten days in the sad isolation of the island of St. Helena, doomed with an incurable disease and with only a few retainers to remind him of his past greatness.

George Washington, full of years, removed from the political affairs in which he had been such a notable figure, surrounded by a loving household and the calm life of a Virginia plantation, concerned for the amenities, for his family, for the care of his slaves and other servants, and that his executors should handle his property to the best possible advantage, as he always had, wrote all of that into his will, as though some clever artist had made a picture of his spirit and laid it on the paper.

Benjamin Franklin, grown old and a bit pedantic, but with the clear vision that made him the remarkable man he was, still shining through his words. Printer Franklin, snobbish to the end about being a simple and thrifty figure for young men to emulate, persistent in his affections and distastes, eager to have his place in the future of the nation, but full of economic caution, and wise schemes for his beloved Boston, city of his birth, and for Philadelphia, city of his adoption. Newspaper man to the end, with a fine feeling for a good "story," and regulating his women folks against vanities as always, Franklin wrote it all into his will, and there anyone who cares to may read, and write his own biography of the picturesque old patron of Thrift.

The contrast between the will of Napoleon and that of George Washington is remarkable. Both men were soldiers, both the idols of their countrymen. Both spent their last days in retirement. But there the likeness ceases. Washington's old age was gracious, in the bosom of his family, on his beloved estate at Mount Vernon, surrounded with the old friends who had been the companions in the great struggle that resulted in the founding of the United States. His will shows the orderly, direct mind of a man of affairs, and without the slightest sign of ego-mania. So far as his will shows, George Washington might have been any other landed gentleman disposing of his property. He provides first that his debts be paid. Then he proclaims his beloved wife, Martha Custis Washington, his legatee. Next comes a very carefully thought out provision for the freeing of his slaves and their families, with due regard to the then laws respecting the ownership and disposition of the children. Those slaves whose relatives or children were owned by other persons in jointure were only to be freed when the jointure lapsed. The free slaves were all to be educated in some useful occupation, so that they might be self-supporting.

ABOUT $4000 was left toward the founding of a free school for orphans and the children of per-

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Playing Mother to Domestic Misfits

By MARTHA EVANS
Bureau Domestic Relations, District Attorney's Office

THE Bureau of Domestic Relations was created by Judge Brady when he became District Attorney eight years ago. This was an important part of his program of crime prevention.

This department supplies a great need to the womanhood and motherhood of our city because it furnishes a place where women and girls may go to tell their troubles and to pour out their hearts to a woman. Judge Brady placed me in charge of this department.

We deal here entirely with family difficulties. It is our work to investigate the causes of dissension and disagreements and our aim to adjust and smooth out these troubles, endeavoring to bring harmony and happiness out of discord and misery.

This bureau, from its very small beginning, has grown to such an extent that we now handle on an average of thirty-five cases a day. We have been successful in enlisting the assistance and co-operation of the various social service agencies and charitable associations of all creeds and denominations. The fine help that these splendid organizations have given has added very materially to the effectiveness of our work. Types of cases handled by me as head of the Bureau of Domestic Relations include failure to provide for minor children, abandonment and neglect of wives, failure to provide for poor parents, cruelty to minor children and cases of unmarried mothers.

IT IS our belief that the real purpose of the law in these classes of cases is not so much to put the offender in jail as it is to secure proper maintenance and support for the neglected minor child, for the abandoned wives or for the poor parents.

It has been our endeavor to handle these cases in a friendly and humane manner, and in so doing I have tried first to reconcile the parents to each other for the sake of their children. Of course, failing in this it then becomes our duty to call attention to the fact that, even though the parents cannot live together in love and happiness, the child is innocent and must be supported. By appealing to the natural love that the father has for the child it has only been necessary to resort to warrants of arrest in about two per cent of the cases, although we have, during the past eight years, handled thousands of so-called "omitting to provide" matters.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MATTHEW BRADY
—Photo by Bushnell

THE humanitarian work of our bureau is constantly developing into new fields. For instance, we find employment for many men and women and we help young girls without funds to find shelter until employment can be secured for them. Since I have been in charge of this bureau I have collected over $100,000.00 for the support of children and poor parents. This money has been turned over to responsible agencies for these helpless ones.

We believe that anything done to create more happiness in the home and to provide for better support and maintenance of children is good work and does much to check the sorrow and trouble that follow the ravages of crime. So successful has this bureau been in its work that we are contemplating giving it an increased scope. It is our intention in the near future to handle all cases where women are involved. These matters are now being taken up in the Bond and Warrant Clerk's office.

The reputation of our Bureau of Domestic Relations extends beyond San Francisco. Its work has been copied in other cities and requests for advice and assistance come to us from cities as far away as New York. I would be very happy if the readers of "The Municipal Employee" could find the time to call upon me at the District Attorney's office, 333 Kearny Street, and see this bureau in actual operation, behold the children playing in the little nursery and kindergarten which we have provided for them while I am talking

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City's "Finest" to Hold Golden Jubilee

By Corporal Peter R. Maloney
President Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association

TO THE public the annual concert and ball of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the Police Department is a social event, one to which many look forward eagerly for weeks. To the Police Department it is more than that. It is the annual expression of the good will of the people of San Francisco toward the men who stand between them and the cohorts of lawlessness. The Department takes pride in contemplating the enthusiasm of the voluntary support which is annually given by the people of the city toward the organization which cares for the widows and the orphans of police officers.

The ball this year, scheduled for February 18, celebrates the Golden Jubilee of the organization. It was founded on January 13, 1878, by the courageous officers of that day who foresaw the necessity of an organization which would insure their families against immediate want in the event of their deaths. We honor them for the good they have done. Many of these old-timers made the great sacrifice while on duty, but they have handed down a heritage jealously guarded and faithfully maintained.

THE first president was Chief of Police John Kirkpatrick, who served from 1878 to 1879. He was succeeded by Chief of Police I. W. Lees, who in turn was succeeded in 1880 by Captain William Y. Douglas. In 1881 came Captain Fred Brown, and in 1882 Captain Alfred Clarke. All of these old-timers are now dead.

In the early days of the association it was found that the monthly dues were not sufficient to meet the demands caused by the deaths of members of the department. The annual deficits were met from assessments. This continued until March, 1908, when the last assessment was levied. Since then the annual drain on the treasury has been met from the proceeds of the annual concert and ball. The growth of the department and the consequent increase in the demands upon the treasury of the organization have been adequately met by the ever increasing support given the annual ball.

IT HAS been necessary, however, to make this annual event more and more pretentious to keep pace with the growing responsibilities of the organization.

The association now has a membership of 1379, each member paying dues of two dollars a month. This provides a monthly revenue of $2,758. The average death rate, however, is twenty-two officers per year. A payment of $2,500 is made to each family, payments averaging $55,000 a year.

CORPORAL PETER R. MALONEY

It has been possible to meet this expense because of the support of the good people of San Francisco and, as president of the association and a member of the Police Department, I wish to express our appreciation of this support.

Chief Daniel J. O'Brien, who has been a member for 19 years and one of our most ardent workers, is lending every effort to make the Golden Jubilee a great success. With the chief at the wheel we know that it will be one of our greatest events of its kind in our city. His Honor, Mayor Rolph, will lead the Grand March. Behind him will come the members of the Police Commission and Chief O'Brien.

MAYOR ROLPH has never missed one of our annual affairs, and on this occasion has promised to make a talk upon the virtues of the Widows' and Orphans' association.

Elaborate arrangements are being made by Lieutenant Charles W. Dullea, chairman, to break the record last year of Captain William J. Quinn in the sale of tickets. These tickets may be secured from any police officer or police station. When you buy one remember you are helping the widow or the family of an officer who has risked his life countless nights that you might continue to sleep in peace.

Retirement Conference Reports

By EDWARD M. COFFEY

Chairman Committee of Five, Municipal Retirement Conference

SIX recommendations for amendments to the Retirement System were presented to the Board of Administration of the system at a meeting January 24 with the committee of five of the Municipal Retirement Conference. The recommendations were those approved by the General Committee of the Retirement Conference following a canvass of all city employees and their organizations for suggestions.

EDWARD M. COFFEY
—Photo by Bushnell

The recommendations were explained by the members of the committee and were taken under advisement to be considered in connection with the five-year Actuarial Survey now under way and on which a report will soon be submitted by Consulting Actuary Mowbray.

The recommendations submitted were as follows:

If any member of the System reaches the age of 65 years and wishes to retire after twenty years of service, pension allowance should be one-half pay.

That if any employee is incapacitated while on duty and forced to retire, he shall receive at least one-half pay as a pension.

Making all service prior to entry into the system count as continuous service **provided** such service was rendered for the City and County of San Francisco, or in the military or naval service in defense of the United States of America.

Interruption of employment due to reduction of forces, on account of, say, limitations of budgets or lack of employment or continued illness or disability should not in any way militate against continuity of service.

Increase of pension and annuity so that after a service of thirty years, one should be allowed to retire on at least half pay.

Recommend the establishment of a loan system by the Retirement Board for the members of the System, any loans to be made under this provision to be within the discretion of the Board of Administration upon proper showing by an applicant of definite need.

The Municipal Retirement Conference is made up of delegates from the following organizations:

San Francisco Teachers' Association, Sewermen's Association, United Laborers' Union No. 261, Trackmen's Union, Division 687; San Francisco High School Teachers' Association, Building Service Employees, International No. 9; Asphalt Pavers, Local No. 84; Municipal Civil Service Association, Office Employees' Association, Municipal Railway Men's Union, Engineers, Draftsmen and Architects' Union, Civil Service Per Diem Men's Association, San Francisco Federation of Teachers.

Three Vie for Retirement System Honors

THREE candidates for the Board of Administration of the City Employees' Retirement System are being voted upon at an election which began January 31 and is continuing until February 10. They are:

Timothy Nyhane, trackman of the Municipal Railway.

William C. Pidge, assistant civil engineer with the Bureau of Engineering and teacher in the Humboldt Evening High School.

William H. Scott, Chief Clerk of the Municipal Railway.

Five candidates were placed in nomination for the vacancy created by the election of William J. Fitzgerald to the office of sheriff. Robert J. Connolly, conductor on the Municipal Railway, and Peter J. Owen, Superintendent of the Street Cleaning Bureau, withdrew before the polls opened.

The polls are open daily in the office of Registrar Zemansky, and there all the 7200 members of the Retirement System will cast their ballots except for the fifty or so members employed on Hetch Hetchy. These are voting by mail.

The successful candidate will serve out the unexpired term of Sheriff Fitzgerald or until February 20, 1930.

Charles A. Murdock Passes

TWO weeks before his eighty-seventh birthday, Charles A. Murdock, former supervisor and pioneer Californian, died in Oakland on January 11. Mr. Murdock came to California in 1855. In San Francisco he founded the printing firm of Charles A. Murdock & Company, and for nearly half a century was active in civic affairs. Besides being a member of the Board of Supervisors for eight years, he served on the Board of Education and the Civil Service Commission.

The department of elections has always been one hundred per cent for the Community Chest. This year we expect to do better.—**J. H. Zemansky.**

Tim's "Boys" Throw a Party

PRESIDENT TIM REARDON of the Board of Public Works has been twice honored at banquets during the last month to celebrate his recent reappointment by Mayor Rolph. Tim has been at the head of this most important department of the city government for fifteen consecutive years.

TIMOTHY A. REARDON

On January 9 he was the guest of honor at a banquet at Taits-at-the-Beach, attended by more than two hundred civic and business leaders. Irving C. Ackerman acted as toast-master. Among the speakers were Mayor Rolph, Marshal Hale, Col. Charles E. Stanton and Fred W. Meyer of the Board of Works, Assessor Russell L. Wolden and Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald. Morris Rosenberg was host of the evening.

Less formal perhaps but no less sincere was the surprise Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner staged in the open yard in the rear of the Corporation Yards at Eleventh and Bryant streets on the afternoon of January 14. The dinner was tendered Tim by the employees of the Building Repair Department.

Johnny Suacci, champion cook of the municipality, was in charge, and the gang certainly does enjoy eating when John does the cooking. As there were more than 200 guests present Jimmy McNamara and "Tiny" O'Leary doffed their coats and gave Suacci a hand in serving the eats.

The refreshments were in charge of Harry Reese, and he certainly did himself proud. Refreshments were being served long after the party broke up.

The boys of the building department thought it incumbent on them to show their appreciation of Tim's entrance upon his fifteenth year at the head of the department inasmuch as he was their superintendent before his elevation to the commission.

Entertainment was furnished by Frank Doherty, "Tiny" O'Leary, Bill Foley and "Fatty" Hamilton. "Butch" Caffery was there with his usual monologue.

The speakers at the feast were Tim Reardon, Sheriff Dick Fitzgerald, William F. Benedict, Secretary to the Mayor, and Supervisors Charles F. Todd and Dr. J. M. Toner.

Should the Community Chest fail in the coming drive, once again our sidewalks will be cluttered with unfortunates who are now cared for in the numerous homes supported by the Chest.—**William J. Fitzgerald.**

Wills of the Great

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sons unable to afford their children an education. A trust fund was to be the beginning of a great University at Washington, D. C., but this project was never completed. His books and papers he left to a nephew, with no special comment. One feels in reading the calm, dispassionate tone of the document that Washington had put aside his fame as of little consequence. He asked that there be no special parade for his funeral and that all be conducted with simplicity. He carefully provides for his immediate family of brothers and their children, and then cites, with some concern, that his executors must not dispose of his landed holdings with too great readiness. That the property around Washington and Alexandria should increase in value. He is careful to dispose of his swords and his precious cane, given him by Benjamin Franklin, memento of a romantic interlude of that worthy American during his stay in France, of which we will speak later.

With pardonable pride Washington states that he has drawn this document himself, and that in case of discussion, three disinterested and wise men are to be chosen to decide on the disposition of the property. Perhaps, like Franklin, the first American president looked with slight suspicion on the workings of the probate courts in those troublous times.

There is little of the picturesque in the language of Washington's will. He was not a man of letters particularly, except for the necessary writing that a man of his attainments might be called on to do. His genius was in other ways. But his will nevertheless is a document of which the American people can be proud. Between the lines one reads the character of a man of forceful, generous disposition, passionately devoted to the ideals of democracy, discomfited by slavery at a time when the possibility of freeing all slaves was hardly a murmur, and believing that in education lies the true future of successful democracy.

(To be continued)

ELLIOTT EPSTEEN HONORED

As a compliment to the San Francisco Advertising Club, District Attorney Matthew Brady recently announced the reappointment of Attorney Elliott M. Epsteen as special counsel to the district attorney's office. Mr. Epsteen is legal representative of the Advertising Club. With the announcement of his reappointment District Attorney Brady issued a statement in praise of the manner in which Mr. Epsteen has handled his cases.

For the honor of the city that is said to "know how" let us make sure that we do not fail to reach our goal this year.—**Presiding Judge Walter Perry Johnson.**

Miss Mosgrove Joins City Staff

By VEDA B. YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

A NEW woman member on the Playground Commission has just been inducted into office, Miss Alicia Mosgrove. She has had a very interesting career, and we feel that Mayor Rolph made a wise selection in appointing her on the commission for the ensuing four years.

MISS ALICIA MOSGROVE
—Photo by Bushnell

Miss Mosgrove was born in San Francisco, and received her education in the public schools of this city. She became a teacher of kindergarten work. Later she moved to Los Angeles and lived for two years in one of the settlements.

Because of the crowded district in which she was living the need for recreation was sorely felt and she soon became a champion for this cause. She can recall that, as a child, her parents sincerely believed in the need for adequate play area. Since she was one of a large family, they always moved to a location where there were empty lots to play in, and where there was a good public school nearby.

From her settlement work grew the establishment of the Los Angeles Playground system. Among her friends and workers in recreation was Miss Bessie Stoddard, who was one of the first Los Angeles Playground Commissioners.

For nine years Miss Mosgrove taught in one of the largest public schools in Los Angeles. She also established and was the principal of a private school for five years. In all of these various capacities she became intimately associated with children and their recreation problems.

When Miss Mosgrove returned to San Francisco she immediately became interested in the Recreation League, and was chairman for a number of years of its Committee for Cemmercialized Recreation. From that grew the Dance Hall Committee Work, and for two years she served as Supervisor of Public Dance Halls in San Francisco. She therefore became interested in a substitute for commercialized recreation, such as playgrounds, community centers, and further use of school buildings.

She was also president of the Camp Fire Girls of San Francisco for several years, and was responsible for the establishment of this organization in our city. She is at present serving on the National Board of Camp Fire Girls.

She also has served for years on the Children's Hospital Board.

Thus we can readily see her value to the commission, because of her understanding of recreation problems, her teaching experience, and her interest in civic affairs extending over a period of many extremely usful years.

Sid Hester Named Secretary of Board of Works

SID HESTER, who has been acting secretary of the Board of Public Works since his chief, William J. Fitzgerald, entered the political arena last summer, has been honored with the permanent appointment by unanimous vote of the board. Sid won out over a field of candidates, some of them with strong backing, chiefly because the commissioners have become acquainted with his capabilities during his sixteen years of service with the board and his nine years' service as assistant secretary.

Sid was born in Stockton in 1885, coming to San Francisco when 11 years old. Here he attended the Crocker Grammar School and later the old Polytechnic High School at Bush and Stockton streets. Still later he was a student at the Commercial High School, then located at Fifth and Market streets in the rear of the old Lincoln School.

He entered the service of the city on January 3, 1912, and was assigned to the street cleaning department by Leonard S. Leavy, at that time chief bookkeeper of the Board of Works. In July of the same year he was assigned to the Bureau of Public Buildings, then in charge of Timothy A. Reardon, now president of the Board of Works. Nine years ago Sid was promoted to the assistant secretaryship under "Dick" Fitzgerald.

Sid is married and has a daughter, Helen, in the Polytechnic High and a son, Jimmy, in the sophomore class of the University of California. Jimmy is taking a course in engineering.

In the lives of many the brief aid of the Community Chest may bridge the gap between happiness and the grave. Perhaps your contribution may save a life. Make it cheerfully.—**Frank J. McGovern.**

Let's put the Chest over bigger than ever before.—**James Rolph, Jr.**

We need the Community Chest to help others. Let's help the Chest.—**Ralph Wiley.**

Of Interest to Women

By ANITA DAY HUBBARD

FEBRUARY is on us once more, with an extra day this year, February 29, that by its rarity always seems to surprise one. And incidentally to emphasize the fact that this is leap year. If this weren't a woman's page, and therefore entirely on the other side of the argument, it might be fitting to warn some of the bachelors around town to be particularly wary. Some of them have weathered many leap years without mishap, and snap their fingers at the peril, but the younger men are still timorous, and I have noticed a furtive glance toward a convenient doorway, when some fair lobbyist grows a bit over-enthusiastic.

THE artists are bestirring themselves toward the spring exhibits. At the California School of Fine Arts, the members of the San Francisco Art Association are looking forward to the fiftieth annual exhibit which the organization has sponsored in San Francisco.

Back in the seventies, when artists and San Francisco were young together, these exhibits were the most important social events on the calendar. With the new building opened last year, the exhibit took on very much the traditional tone. The Association is one of the most venerable organizations in the western world of culture, and had its beginnings in a room or two over the old California Market, in 1871, with a few ardent young artists, a patron or two, and all of the art hunger of the young city to satisfy. They started an art school with Virgil Williams as director, and a few casts given them by the French government as models.

In the years that have passed since then, a roll call of the pupils and teachers in the school would read like a copy of Who's Who in Art in America. And the building on Chestnut and Jones is probably the finest in the world devoted to the teaching of art. Don't miss the fiftieth spring exhibit. You'll be deservedly sorry if you do.

Incidentally there will be an interesting concert given by the Coleridge-Taylor Choral Club of the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center. A group of forty sweet voiced colored people will sing all the spirituals that are so much in the musical picture these days, and some more conventional numbers from the famous composers. The concert at the Art School will be on February 27, in the evening.

The Modern Gallery is being reorganized, and instead of a series of continuous one-man shows, the young artists will combine to give two or three large group shows during the year, the first being planned for March or April. Members have taken this step to insure that only the best pieces of each artist shall be shown, the size of the gallery on Montgomery Street being a little too great for the production capacity of one artist.

The Women Artists, the Architects and the Decorative Arts organization will join in a spring show this year. The date has not yet been announced, but judging from the past shows, it should be very worth while.

The Bargain

For Valentine's Day, February 14

MY TRUE love hath my heart and I have his,
By just exchange one for another given:
I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss,
There never was a better bargain driven:
My true love hath my heart, and I have his.

His heart in me keeps him and me in one,
My heart in him his thoughts and senses guides:
He loves my heart, for once it was his own,
I cherish his because in me it bides:
My true love hath my heart, and I have his.

—Sir Philip Sydney, 1554-86.

THE Panteleieff series of intimate recitals of Russian Music has been set forward to begin on February 13, on Monday evening, with two more recitals on Monday evenings following. Some rare music that the baritone wanted to use hadn't arrived from Europe and so the concert was advanced a week or two.

Panteleieff will sing the role of Christus in the first performance of the Passion of St. Matthew to be given in San Francisco at the Spring Music Festival this year, and is just back from a successful tour of the east.

THE fashion show is just beginning. One is led to believe that San Francisco will go back to her beloved jacket and skirt costume again this year to judge from the displays in the shop windows. The ensemble sounds like something quite new, but after all it is the old "tailor suit" coming back again to a welcoming feminity.

With half the town commuting, and with our charmingly changeable climate, one never knows just what to put on for a day's activities. These may include a shopping trip in the morning, luncheon at a fashionable tea room or hotel, a club meeting in the afternoon, and maybe dinner in town and the theatre, and no suitable method of changing one's costume.

We solved the problem in the old day with the sober tailor suit with a dressy blouse. The modern girl manages a straight lined dinner dress under a coat of the material of the dress, and hats are just hats nowadays, anyway.

The San Francisco woman wears tweed with an air, and sport clothes seem very suitable to her many activities. For the business woman, the ensemble is a dream of comfort realized. For the very young or the very frivolous, the flippant draperies of the last season or so are charming enough, but the simple, well cut suit of light weight wool or heavy silk is certainly almost universally suitable.

Every spring the designers put out a series of printed silks and chiffons, and every spring every woman "falls" for one of them. Then she goes about feeling like a wall hung with pictures and sooner or later the frock is discarded, where the plain fabric

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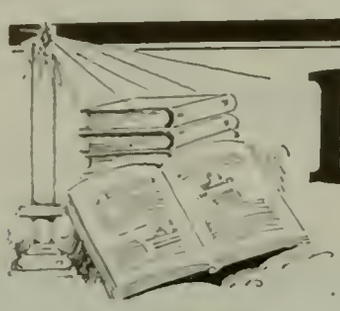

Public Library

By FRANCES K. LANGPAAP

ONE of the problems faced by any large city library is that of providing service to outlying districts. The customary agents are branches and deposit stations. Branches are complete libraries, each with its own librarian and staff, supplying, in a lesser degree, the same service the Main Library gives.

FRANCES K. LANGPAAP

Deposit stations, on the other hand, are composed of collections of books, mostly fiction, deposited in stores in districts which have no regular branches. These deposit stations often grow into branches.

As early as 1888 the Board of Library Trustees "were emboldened to set up a Branch Reading Room and Library near Mission and Twenty-second streets." The opening of the new Portola branch this month completes forty years of service so modestly begun.

The first library was evidently successful as two additional branches were opened in the next year, Potrero branch at Kentucky and Butte and North Beach branch at 1801 Stockton. In 1890 branch one moved to Valencia near Twenty-second to "larger and more commodious quarters," the library having largely outgrown the original rooms.

For four years no further move was made until in 1894 branch four was started at 809 Point Lobos Avenue (about Eighth and Geary). In 1896 the Harrison branch, number five, was opened at 720 Harrison Street and North Beach was moved to Powell Street. In 1897 branch four was moved to a location on Fourth Avenue near Clement Street. In May, 1897, branch six was opened on Fillmore Street near California.

IN 1901 Mayor Phelan made the library a gift of a lot and building for branch five in the vicinity of South Park and in this year the system of deposit collections was begun. Branch two, the Potrero, was removed to Noe Street near Sixteenth in 1902 and $50,000 was donated by Andrew McCreery for a new building. The Phelan branch was formally opened at Fourth and Clara streets in December. In 1903 branch six was removed to Sacramento Street between Webster and Fillmore.

In 1906 branches three and five were totally destroyed together with the Main collection, and in the period of reconstruction the owners of the building which housed branch one found they could get a much larger rent from an undertaker. So this branch was temporarily closed.

Within a short time a new building was erected and service continued. Branch two was seriously injured by the earthquake, but was closed only for a few weeks until a portion of the walls could be rebuilt and other parts of the building strengthened. This branch was then selected as a temporary Main Library. For some weeks after the earthquake the Fillmore and Mission branches were the only ones in operation.

FOR the next two years there is record of only four branches in operation, Mission, McCreery, Richmond and Fillmore, and in 1908 the re-establishment of branch three at North Beach was begun. In 1909 the Mission branch was removed to new quarters on Valencia near Twenty-third and provision was made for building the Park branch on Page near Cole.

There were no changes until 1914, when a new building was erected for branch four on Nineteenth Avenue and Geary, and a new building started for branch one on Twenty-fourth Street and Bartlett. In 1916 the Noe Valley branch was opened on Castro and Noe. In 1918 two branches were opened, Sunset on Irving Street and Eighteenth Avenue and Golden Gate Valley on Green Street and Octavia.

For seven years following this no additional branches were built, and then a new system of small branches was started. These were to be located in bank buildings and in stores; but, unlike the stations, each with a regular librarian and giving full service.

Thus in 1925 the Ingleside branch at Ocean Avenue and Ashton and the Excelsior branch on Bauer Street were opened. In 1927 Glen Park on Bosworth Street and Bay View at 5025 Third Street were opened for service.

The branch system of the San Francisco Public Library now consists of fifteen branches and ten deposit stations, and almost every part of the city has library facilities of some sort and through them a direct connection with the Main Library.

Fire Hero Passes On

EDWARD P. LENNON, one of the many heroes of the Fire Department, died at his home, 522 Fifth Avenue, on January 11 at the age of 55. Lennon was pensioned in 1906 as the result of injuries received in two accidents, in one of which he risked his life to save a little girl from injury. The girl, driving a horse and buggy, appeared directly in Lennon's path as he was speeding down Sutter Street at Grant Avenue on his way to a fire in 1903. To escape hitting her he swerved and turned his huge engine over on its side. After returning to duty he was again injured.

Parks and Museums

By W. M. STROTHER

PRESIDENT Herbert Fleishhacker of the Park Commission has announced a plan for increasing the size and seating capacity of Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate Park so that it will be large enough for such events as the Army-Navy football game, the Shriners' East-West game and the Polytechnic-Lowell football game, not to mention others.

HERBERT FLEISHHACKER
—Photo by Boye

The present seating capacity of Kezar is less than 25,000; the new plan is to increase this to 60,000 or 75,000. The additionaal space would be gained on all sides with the exception of that adjoining Frederick Street. The construction would probably be steel and concrete. Pains will be taken to make the structure architecturally attractive. It is estimated by the engineers, who are already working on the plans, that the cost of the improvements will run between $200,000 and $250,000. The Park Commission is enthusiastic about the new plan, and it appears that the Finance Committee will recommend the inclusion of sufficient funds in the budget for 1928-1929 to pay the cost of the improvements. If the Board of Supervisors indicates that it will favor this item it is probable that actual construction will start before the end of the present fiscal year and that the enlarged stadium will be ready for use next fall.

AT THE direction of the Park Commission, Superintendent John McLaren has started construction of a practice football field in Golden Gate Park extending from Arguello Boulevard to Third Avenue and from the South Drive of the Park to Lincoln Way; this is just west of Kezar Stadium. This field will be of great value to the schools, particularly to the Polytechnic High, near which it will be located. The making of the field necessitates the removal of a great deal of shrubbery and the making of a considerable fill over a part of the location. When the ground has been leveled it will be seeded to grass, and before many weeks the new practice field will be ready for use. The work of preparation is under the direct supervision of Foreman J. J. Campbell.

Foreman Max Foehr is transplanting a number of rhododendron plants from the location of the new football practice field west of Kezar Stadium to DeLaveaga Dell. A part of the dell has been planted in these beautiful flowering shrubs for several years. A few of the latter are now in bloom—out of season.

A large crew of men is still working on the first units of the three-mile boulevard from the Cliff House to Fleishhacker Playfield. As an addition to previously discussed sections of this great highway there is a tentative plan to include a bridle path.

At McCoppin Park, between Santiago and Taraval streets and between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth avenues, Superintendent McLaren is engaged in enlarging the baseball field.

New playground apparatus has recently been installed at Larsen Park, which lies between Nineteenth and Twentieth avenues and between Ulloa and Wawona streets. Slides, swings, rings, and other things to delight the children have been set up.

Beach Chalet

THE heating system installed recently in the Beach Chalet has proven quite a success. The system finally adopted was suggested and installed under the supervision of Earl Clements, Assistant Park Superintendent. It is a departure from the usual run of heating systems in that the same heat that does the cooking heats the whole building. This idea is carried out by means of a hot water system in the ranges that carries the heated water completely around the building in three-inch pipes.

The Chalet was closed for four days, January 3, 4, 5, and 6, during installation; since then the heating system has had a fair trial and satisfactorily demonstrated its effectiveness. "Bob" Clements has reason to be proud of the success of this system, since he worked along on the job while all around him was heard the prediction of failure from electric and gas heating companies.

T. J. Dowd, manager of the Chalet, was taken seriously ill and removed to Mount Zion Hospital where the doctors say he is suffering from mental fatigue, and prescribe a long rest.

Children's Playground

THINGS are not what they used to be in the Children's Playground in the park since a crew of decorators under the direction of Armstrong, Carter and Kenyon, interior decorators, swooped down on the playground Cafe Building and began to move and change everything in sight. When their handiwork is completed the playground will boast a modern and pleasing Tea Room. Modern, because while the decorators are busy, W. V. Belding, superintendent, is

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City and County Offices

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By Louise M. O'Hara

POP GRIMES believes in upholding the Prohibition Act, but then that is easy for Pop, because he just loves cold tea, especially for a holiday beverage.

Have you seen Charles Levy's new automobile, it is a peach. His grandson will soon be a year old, so Charles just had to have a proper car in which to show the boy the town.

Busher, when are you going to lead the fair Irene down the aisle? We're all saving our pennies to put on that bet. You've sure picked a winner.

At last we have discovered the reason for that far-away look in Emil's eyes. Rumor has it that he is tired of being a bachelor. Who is she, Emil?

The office extends its sympathy to Mrs. Camellia Rosette on the loss of her mother who passed away recently. She was one of the sweet old-fashioned kind of mothers living in a great old-fashioned house with gorgeous bannisters to slide down and having a family of fourteen children, all girls but one. It is seldom one is privileged to see such a household these days. The old order is slowly passing out.

Henry Beicke has had wrested from his fair brow his laurels, cabbage leaves or what have you. No longer is Henry "The Horticulturist" of this office, judging from the beautiful roses Charles Braun brings in from his garden. They are a joy to the eye. We expect some strong rivalry in our midst soon, for we have a number of flower fanciers whose blossoms would take prizes in any show.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

By I. A. Richardson

THE city treasurer's office has been a busy place during the last month and Treasurer John Thieler's boys have been on their toes, redeeming bonds, cashing coupons, satisfying visiting auditors, loaning money, making investments "and everything."

The "boss" keeps on buying and selling bonds for the benefit of the various funds having balances, and piling up handsome profits on the different turns. Also the tellers handled the imposing total of $112,033,233.95 during the year 1927.

We are now clearing the decks for coming events, bond issues, bond sales, assessment districts. And soon the Islais Creek Reclamation work will be added to the treasurer's tasks, necessitating a bookkeeper or clerk to handle this work.

The chief clerk, Sidney Smith, is on the move systematizing and re-systematizing. We think his middle name is "System," although he says it is Scudder. Sid is a Yank, hailing from Nantucket. No wonder he is a "prohibe."

While this office has lately received an injection of young blood in the way of new deputies to replace old timers let us not forget to say a few words about two other young fellows who help to guard the millions in the treasury, Smith Carr and Sam Higgins of the Police Department. Carr has forty-two years' service to his credit and Higgins twenty-five. Carr has been on duty in the treasury since 1906 without a break and Higgins has served here continuously since 1916. Carr is one of the crack shots of the department, while Sam was a crack stage driver in the good old days, a product of Lake County. If anyone imagines these two boys are not fit or on the hair trigger we suggest that they give them the once over.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Walter J. Martenson

ON JANUARY 3, the Sheriff's Office was the Mecca for friends of William J. Fitzgerald, the occasion being his taking over the duties as Sheriff of the City and County of San Francisco.

A continuous army of his host of friends passed through the door throughout the day to offer congratulations and best wishes for a successful administration.

He was the recipient of a large number of floral pieces that were beautiful to behold.

Sheriff Fitzgerald has personally met all the employees of the office and the jails and they were all doubtless impressed by his pleasing personality.

January 3, also marked the entrance of Jack Spaulding upon his official duties as Under Sheriff. He likewise was the recipient of beautiful floral offerings and congratulations and well wishes from his innumerable friends, among the callers being delegations from Islam Temple of the Shrine and the American Legion, of both of which he is a member.

With such competent and conscientious officials as Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald and Under Sheriff Jack Spaulding, the administration of the Sheriff's Office cannot fail to redound to the credit of themselves and the City and County of San Francisco.

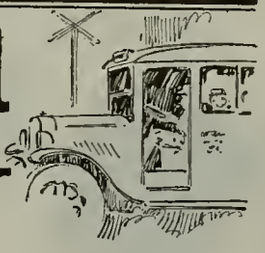
Commissioners Named

DURING the last month Mayor Rolph announced his appointments to the nine vacancies occurring on various city commissions due to the expiration of the terms of incumbents.

Eight were reappointments. They were Police Commissioner Jesse B. Cook, Park Commissioners William F. Humphrey and George Tourny, Fire Commissioner William A. Sherman and Playground Commissioners Senator James D. Phelan, Constant J. Auger, Rev. D. O. Crowley and Mrs. Sigmund Stern.

The new appointment was that of Miss Alicia Mosgrove to the Playground Commission to succeed Mrs. Mildred Pollok.

Municipal Railway



By EUGENE W. CLISBEE

BEGINNING with the first of this year, the Municipal Railway inaugurated a new system of granting vacations to its platform men.

Due to the nature of the employment it is necessary that the giving of vacations run throughout the whole year.

EUGENE W. CLISBEE
—Photo by Hartsook

Up to the present time it has been the custom to start off the first of each year with the men longest in the employ and follow by seniority. This method compelled some of the men long in the service to take vacations at undesirable seasons.

With the approval of the Commissioners of the Board of Public Works, the policy was adopted of allowing the men to sign up in advance for vacations in the same manner as they do for choice of runs.

The year is divided into thirty periods of twelve days each, with twelve to eighteen crews on vacation during each period.

This method permits men old in the service to have a choice of the more desirable seasons of the year, and the management feels this will be more agreeable to all concerned.

Chief Assistant Superintendent E. W. Clisbee, with the assistance of Timekeeper George H. Fish, has always handled the work in connection with the granting of vacations.

The present system of signing up was placed in charge of Inspector Daniel Guiney, who also handles the semi-annual sign-ups for runs, which are important events for the platform men, they then having the choice, according to seniority, of any line and run desired on the whole system.

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The route of the Owl cars on the "H" line was changed on Sunday, January 22, to operate via Van Ness Avenue and Chestnut Street to Scott Street instead of to Fort Mason. The cars leave Scott Street half-hourly from 1:18 a. m. to 5:18 a. m. The change was made better to serve the fast-growing Marina district.

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A new elevator has been installed in the Forest Hill station of the Twin Peaks tunnel. This elevator is the largest on the Pacific Coast and should adequately care for the increased traffic.

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The trucks for ten new cars have been assembled and are now at the Pipe Yard at Sixth and Hubbel streets awaiting delivery of the car bodies. The first of these were shipped from St. Louis on January 25.

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W. R. Castro, Municipal Railway trackman, living at 1511 Florida Street, was a victim of an automobile in January, when he was struck down while on duty. He died several days later at the San Francisco Hospital.

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Municipal Railway receipts for the year 1927, as reported by Superintendent Fred Boeken, amounted to $3,454,041.72, a gain of $54,501.12 over the previous year. The ever-increasing use of automobiles is cutting deeply into street car receipts.

Daughter of Mayor Rolph Is Bride of Berkeleyan

GEORGINA ROLPH, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. James Rolph, became the bride, on January 15, of Richard Crossley Willitts at a quiet ceremony performed at the Rolph home in San Jose Avenue. The ceremony took place before an improvised altar covered with gold cloth and adorned with lilies and candles, erected at the end of the living room. Rev. George Whistler of Palo Alto, pastor of the Presbyterian Church there, performed the ceremony.

The wedding was attended only by members of the two families and occurred just after noon. Following the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. John Percival Symes, of Oakland, and George Avery acted as best man.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Willitts of Berkeley, where the newly married couple will make their home.

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Schools

AT THE meeting of the Board of Education on January 10 Daniel C. Murphy, a member of the board for several years, was unanimously elected president to succeed Alfred I. Esberg.

Mr. Murphy is also State Senator from the Twenty-fourth District, which he has represented in the legislature for six years. He established a reputation there as a champion of the schools, and his statement of policy upon being made president of the board indicates his intention of prosecuting a vigorous policy of construction and improvement during the coming year.

He was formerly president of the State Federation of Labor and is a banker and business man of prominence in the city. Mr. Esberg will continue his valuable services on behalf of the department for another seven-year term, following his election by an outstanding vote last November when his nomination by Mayor Rolph was presented to the voters.

IN ASSUMING his new duties President Murphy outlined his policies for the coming year in the following statement:

"At this time the Board of Education is in a better position to arrange a program providing for future needs than ever before.

"Ambiguity in the language of the Charter as well as in some parts of the State School Law, which left some doubt as to the authority of the board in various matters, has been clarified. It is now possible for the board to plan with a reasonable degree of certainty.

"The present school building needs include:

"A High School for the Park-Presidio District.

"An addition to the Balboa High School in the southern part of the city.

"Additional facilities for the Lowell High School.

"Four or five new Junior High Schools and

"Additional facilities for certain existing Junior High Schools.

"Five or six new elementary and special school units and additions to certain existing elementary schools.

"The 'Pay as You Go' plan for spending approximately $2,100,000 a year for new constructions, upkeep and repairs, spreads the program over quite a period, with new needs constantly developing, and imposes most careful planning, consideration and study upon all building projects and their relative urgency and importance.

"The public and the taxpayers will, we believe, realize that under a 'Pay as You Go' plan at least this amount is fully necessary year by year to care for normal growth, obsolescence, and gradually to overcome accumulated shortages.

"Much remains to be done, but much indeed has been and will be accomplished. The entire School Department is loyally and enthusiastically exerting its every energy to justify the high hopes and aspirations of our citizens in the sound and lasting benefits and results of a public school educational system."

ACTIVITIES of the Music Department of the public schools are in charge of Miss Estelle Carpenter, director.

In music education in the schools, the purposes are: to give an insight into the abiding spiritual power of music; to awaken the enjoyment and understanding of the esthetic in music; to perfect the adequate utterances of music; to give a medium of self-expression through voice, body, and instrument; to quicken the mental powers and cultivate the creative instinct; to control the emotions and motive power through music. Thus is created an interest and love for the best music of all people, and an intelligent appreciation of it by the masses is made possible.

Above all, this music education makes for ideals, patriotic fervor and endeavor, character-building and citizenship, thereby producing real appreciation for the relative values of life.

Noteworthy events of public school music participation, during the fall term of 1927, were dedications of the Mission High School and the Edison School where the High School bands performed; Congress of Mothers' luncheon at the Palace Hotel where the Girls' High School Glee Club and the Boys' Glee Club of Lowell High gave selections; civic celebration for Colonel Lindbergh where 40,000 of all the schools sang the "Star Spangled Banner" at the Civic Center; meetings given at various schools for Mothers' Clubs and Fathers' Nights where choruses and orchestras have performed. Piano recitals, musicals, in Senior High, Junior High and Grammar schools have been given, and the High School bands have played weekly at their Military Band and Battalion Reviews and at many school functions and rallies. In the Junior High schools and Elementary schools, numbers of operettas have been presented such as at the Horace Mann Junior High, Noe Valley Junior High, McKinley, and Visitacion Valley schools.

Early in the fall a series of weekly radio concerts were instituted under the auspices of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. M. Gwinn, and the Board of Education over radio KPO.

Miss Estelle Carpenter was elected last summer at Seattle the vice-president of the music section of the National Education Association, and has been recently appointed on the National Public School Committee of the National Federation of Music Clubs of the United States.

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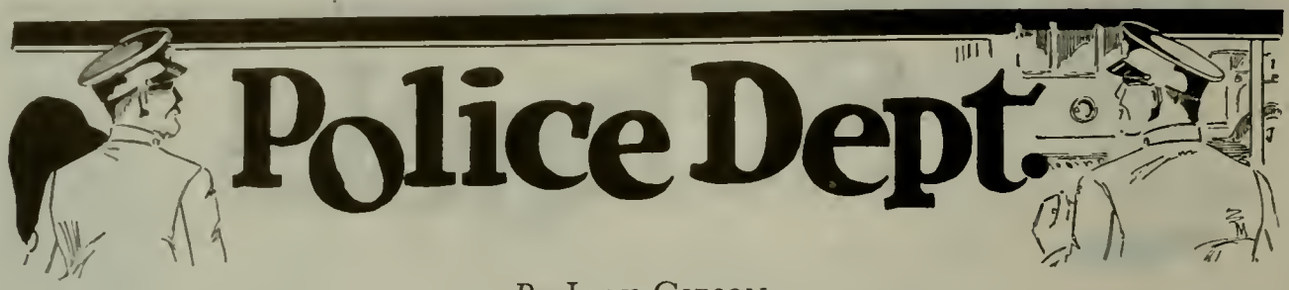

By JACK GIBSON

JESSE B. COOK, former chief of police of the San Francisco Department and one of the first men appointed to the board of Police Commissioners by Mayor Rolph when he assumed the executive position, was reappointed to the Police Board on January 8. In the reappointment of Commissioner Cook for a fifth term, there is established another Rolph Record. Commissioner Cook is the only man in a city of San Francisco's size or larger who has served sixteen years on a police board.

Commissioner Cook has served well on the board. His experience gained as an active member of the department, where he climbed from patrolman to chief before he was pensioned, has proven of great benefit. He has an enviable record. As an officer he enforced law in Chinatown as it was never enforced before his time. He was a terror to the evil doers of that section. He learned to speak and read Chinese, which caused considerable consternation among the celestials of that day.

Commissioner Cook was warmly felicitated on the evening of January 8, when Secretary Charles Skelly officially enrolled his name on the records as having been appointed for a fifth term.

At the same meeting it was announced that the term of President Theodore Roche had expired. On motion of Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioners Thomas Shumate and Andrew F. Mahony, Commissioner Roche was re-elected president, for the fifth time.

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Lieutenant Joseph Mignola, Corporal Thomas McCarty and Officers Gus Betger, L. A. Keenan, E. Keane and J. Barrett have been commended by Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien for the splendid police work they did in capturing Joe Anderis in the act of burglarizing a drug store. Anderis confessed to over a score of "jobs" in this city, as well as other places in the State, Washington, Wyoming and Oregon. The recommendation for commendation was made by Captain William Healy of the Bush station.

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Officer Patrick Sullivan, with nearly thirty years' service, was pensioned by the Police Commission Pension Board last month.

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Frank J. Sullivan has been made a member of the department, filling the place made vacant by the pensioning of Officer Sullivan.

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Sergeant of Police Jack Theuer of Burlingame was recently re-elected president of the Peninsula Peace Officers' Association at a meeting of the organization in Redwood City. Jack Hartnett of Burlingame was re-elected secretary and Bud Thorpe of Redwood City was chosen first vice-president. Chief Daniel J. O'Brien keeps in close touch with the peninsula officers. Chief John Harper of the Burlingame department is an old croney of his, the two having served together on the local force before and after the fire.

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Chief of Police O'Brien is back on the job. In fact he is very much back. He is in splendid health, and about one of the first things he started, outside of tightening up on the traffic problems, was to declare war upon the gunmen of this city. He has put the problem of clearing the streets of gangsters up to the districts and the boys are making it merry for the ones who have no lawful pursuit.

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A group of San Francisco detectives early in January made a trip down to Redwood City to present Undersheriff Edward Farrell of San Mateo County with a gold star in recognition of his co-operation with the local force. The star was the gift of the San Francisco Police Department and was presented by Detective Sergeant George McLaughlin.

Another link between San Francisco and the peninsula was forged on January 11, when the newly incorporated town of Menlo Park named Tom Furman as its first Chief of Police. Furman is a former detective sergeant on the San Francisco force where he handled some of the city's most famous cases.

Mayor Issues Chest Appeal

Mayor James Rolph Jr. has issued a personal appeal to all city employees to give their support to the Community Chest during its drive this month.

"For four years," said the mayor's statement, "the San Francisco Community Chest has failed to reach its goal. This is not the San Francisco way. Our Municipal employees have several advantages over employees in Eastern cities. Our climate for the most part renders employment steady rather than seasonable, and the average pay, job for job, in comparison with other cities, shows a balance in favor of our city.

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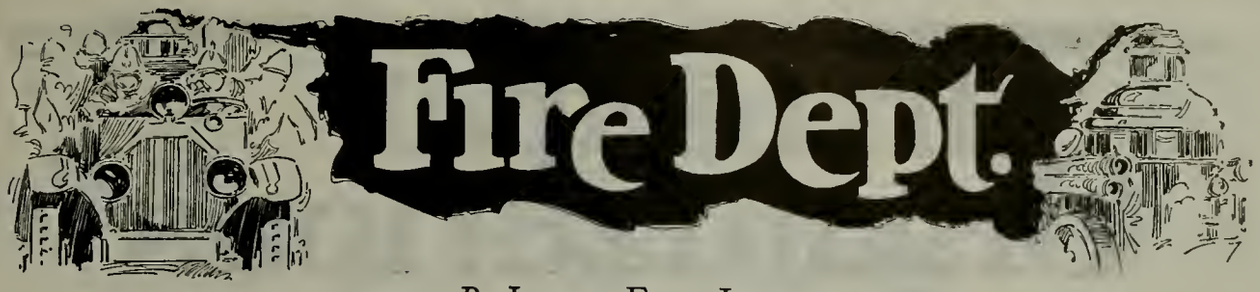

By LIEUT. FRED JONES

LIEUTENANT GRIMMENSTEIN of Engine 16 reported that his overcoat and a loaf of bread were stolen from his machine during a day's outing at Islais Creek. This will be a difficult case for Nelsy the white-haired boy to solve.

Charles King Greenfield, the Patrick Henry of Engine 37, is highly elated over the newly organized athletic club. The King is well known as a Spanish athlete.

Detective Dornell of Engine 25 has received a red-hot tip on a stove. Here's hoping you land it, Lloyd.

Lieutenant Joe Smith is rapidly rounding into shape since going to Engine 48. The little jaunt over the hills seems to agree with him.

Here's a good one for a rainy day. A man owned a lot, 48 rods wide by 81 rods long, and traded it for another lot of equal area, it being three times as long as it is wide. How much more fence is needed for the latter lot?

Any member of the department in need of a wheelbarrow can have same for the asking by calling on Lieutenant Munter of Engine 7. Barney is figuring on donating it to the De Young Museum.

Anyone interested in ice-skating can witness a good race on February 15, when Hagan of Truck 3 and Edgar of Truck 14 meet at the Beach Rink. May the best man win.

It is rumored that Lovelace of Truck 13 during his vacation was posing as an engineer for the advertising poster of the moving picture "Tell It to Sweeney." It must feel natural, Raleigh, to have the engineer's uniform on again.

Charlie Shea of Engine 12 is some rabbit hunter, according to the boys of his company. On a recent hunt in Mendocino County Charlie shot a certain rabbit and it landed on Shorts' bed in the fire house.

Looks like the wedding bells are getting louder for McLaughling of Engine 7 of late. It is rumored that the girl's name is Louise.

Fred Murphy of Truck 1 was seen during his vacation doing a Robinson Crusoe out at Baker's Beach. Looks like a case for Joe Knowles.

Believe it or not, but Sullivan of Engine 7 can shave himself with a putty knife.

Lieutenant Van Dervort of Engine 35 has solved the high cost of living. Let us in on the big secret, Red.

Harlow of Chemical 12 lost the pinochle championship of the company to his friend Cooney. What's the matter with the telegraph key, Jim.

Archbold of Engine 45 can be seen on his days off superintending the construction of the esplanade at the beach. Good work, Archie.

The boys of Engine 47 are soon to have new quarters which will be highly appreciated by all.

Flood of Engine 2 had some tough luck during his vacation. It seems that Joe was on his way to Duncan Mills to visit his aunts, uncles, and cousins, when his bicycle broke down. Better luck next time, Joe.

Lieutenant Barden of Chemical 3 gained considerable publicity when he proved to be one of the star witnesses in the recent Sally Whitcomb case. Looks like you are headed for Hollywood next, Jim.

Strangler Lewis has a rival in the department in Godin of Truck 11. Every time the boys raise the 65-foot ladder Godin is the first to put the stranglehold on it.

Anderson of Engine 2, who substituted for Flood during the latter's vacation, liked the job so well that he is trying to figure out an angle that will land him in it steady. Look out, Joe.

Morrison of Truck 11, who is the proud owner of the Cuneo flats, is still on the sick list. No doubt the high altitude is the reason.

Our old friend Mike Dwyer, who was pensioned from Engine 34 about seven years ago, is now the owner of a modern apartment house, located at 463 Fell Street, known as the Mary Frances Apartments. Mike would appreciate a call from any of the boys at any time.

Delmas of Truck 10, who claims to be the champion snipe shooter of the department, may be so, but he forgot to close the bottom of his sack and fill the lamp with oil. Better luck next time, Grover.

Breen of Engine 26 is now receiving instructions for the profession he will pursue when he takes his pension. The foreign importing trade must be good. Let us in on the deal, John.

Lieutenant Gregory of Chemical 13 finds the time dragging rather heavy during the rainy days. No doubt you miss those pleasant walks through the park, Pansy.

Cupid Henderson of Truck 10 just returned from his vacation after touring the state. The inside information is that he took a detour into Reno, Nevada, and looked the town over. Good luck, Andy.

The elimination dancing contest dwindled down to three, and the finals are soon to take place. Take your choice, boys, as the lucky ones are Captain Collins of Engine 46. Captain McGrorey of Truck 14 and Lieutenant Murray of Engine 22. Looks like a toss-up.

Lieutenant Nouguier of Truck 3 is now devoting his spare time to the study of weights and measures. No doubt, Emiel, you would accomplish more if you would devote your entire time to fish scales, as they are rather expensive.

Bert Sheedy and his good man Friday of Engine 16 were suddenly interrupted while rendering that well-known ballad entitled "Sweet Adeline." What seems to be the trouble, boys?

Captain Byrne of Engine 11 wishes it to be known that his company is located in the center of the high-explosive district.

Dr. L. R. Ludwigsen, a popular young dentist of

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Municipal Organizations

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater, Jr.

IT LOOKS like a very busy year for the field parties, inspectors and draughtsmen. The many plans for boulevards whereby motorists can enter and leave the city are being rushed with all possible speed. The highway bonds have been voted and surveys and estimates are being completed. The highway projects as planned for the betterment of our city show splendid foresight by Chief O'Shaughnessy and his assistants.

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In Harold Stahle's draughting room George Purser is busy with the details of the Alemany Boulevard job. Rube Owens is hard at work on the Serra Boulevard extension and Rajah McCarthy was assigned to the Bay Shore Boulevard job. These three projects will certainly keep the calculating machines hot, for these boys know how to operate them.

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Bill Eggert has purchased an up-to-the-minute radio set. Markle, the distance hound of room 50, had better drag in a few more stations if he wants to keep his title now that Bill is on the job.

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Inspector Flynn, who has been in poor health lately, is gaining strength and looks better. Glad to see you are picking up, Jim.

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While working on Serra Boulevard the other day we ran into Inspector Lewis. Buck was scrutinizing every brick and grain of sand going into the Stanley Street sewer.

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A recent advertisement stated: Wanted—A high-powered radio salesman, etc. We're glad Meyerinck didn't see it. We might have lost our star draughtsman.

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The following members were recently appointed as engineering draughtsmen: Geertz, Whaley, Titlow, Slater, and Manelli.

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Inspector Rademann is now working out in the fog belt where a sewer is under construction on Forty-Seventh Avenue between Noriega and Ortega streets.

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At the January meeting Past President Grier acted as installing officer and seated the 1928 officers in a manner befitting their position. Ray is quite adept at handling the gavel.

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Combining education with pleasure, the entertainment committee arranged a visit one Saturday recently to the Pacific Portland Cement plant at Redwood City. A bus was hired and a number of the boys went down the Peninsula and were shown through the plant through the courtesy of the vice-president of the company. Those who made the trip considered the afternoon well spent and hoped that other excursions of a similar nature could be arranged at an early date.

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John A. O'Connell, of the San Francisco Labor Council, was reported ill in St. Francis Hospital. Our organization sent flowers to him with the best wishes of all for his speedy recovery.

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Frank O'Shaughnessy, son of our chief, is now running transit in E. Garen's party.

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Caesar Manelli, the Babe Ruth of the Hall, is now a full-fledged draughtsman. So far, he hasn't passed around the cigars.

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During the noon hour recently a discussion arose in the draughting room as to why the moon appears larger when coming over the horizon than when it is high in the heavens. No definite decision was arrived at, so Pop Ohmen will delve into his "cackilus" and figure it. Joe Mike said there was no money in it so he did not enter into the argument.

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Brother William Pidge, assistant engineer, has been nominated for membership on the Board of Administration, City Employees' Retirement System. The term is for two years, the balance of the term of William Fitzgerald.

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Don't forget to patronize the advertisers in this publication. It is mainly through them that this, your paper, is able to continue; so let's get in and help one another.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

THE governing council of the Teachers' Association of San Francisco, at its regular meeting January 16, endorsed William Pidge, teacher in Humboldt Evening High School and a member of Technical Engineers' Union, for the position on the Board of Administration of the Employees' Retirement System made vacant by the election of William J. Fitzgerald, sheriff. The vote was unanimous.

Miss Elizabeth Ashe of the Community Chest addressed the meeting, urging the teachers to continue to give their full-hearted co-operation this year as in the past to this important civic work. She stressed the fact that a remarkable volunteer service is rendered by the men and women of San Francisco in the administration of chest activities, only three per cent of the amount collected being spent in "overhead" expenditures.

Two lesser-known agencies were noted:

Visiting Nurses' Association, 1636 Bush Street,

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Play-grounds

By JOSEPHINE DOWS RANDALL
Superintendent of Recreation

THE Playground Commission has recommended to the Board of Supervisors a $5,000,000 bond issue for the purchase and development of playground sites. These sites are distributed throughout the city and every district has been given careful consideration. The Richmond District presents the greatest problem to the commission. There is only one possible site in the entire district and, as this location is not sufficient, the commission recommends that a number of vacant school lots be developed for small children's playgrounds.

JOSEPHINE DOWS RANDALL

The proposed bond issue calls for thirty-four additional sites in the following districts: Richmond, Sunset, Lake Merced, Balboa Terrace, Ingleside, Ocean View, Longfellow, Crocker Amazon, Visitacion Valley, Bay View, South of Bay View, St. Mary's Park, South of Army, Kate Kennedy School district, Noe Valley, Mission, Potrero Hill, Corona Heights near cemeteries, Pacific Heights, Polk, Van Ness and Larkin, and Russian Hill.

Twenty-seven of these proposed sites will be new playgrounds located in districts where there are none at the present time. Five will be badly needed additions to present playgrounds and two will be baseball fields—one to be south of Market Street and one north, if possible.

During the past two years a careful study has been made of the present playground need in the city and the situation has become so acute that immediate action is necessary.

Delegations from all parts of the city have met with the Playground Commission pleading for playgrounds in their neighborhoods, using as an argument the number of casualties and automobile accidents which children meet with while playing in the streets, as well as those who are arrested for playing in the streets.

The estimated amount required for the purchase of grounds is $3,750,000 while $1,250,000 is the approximate amount which will be required for the development of the proposed playgrounds.

If we are grateful for the blessings we enjoy we should respond in proportion to the call of the Community Chest in order to help those less fortunate than ourselves.—**H. I. Mulcrevy.**

Invest in the Community Chest, the greatest and safest of all investments, our obligation to humanity, our dividends.—**John H. Thieler.**

Park Playgrounds and Restaurants

By W. V. Belding, Superintendent

PATRONS of the Children's Playground Cafe and the Beach Chalet will soon be entertained by radio at the suggestion of the Park Commissioners. Besides furnishing entertainment for patrons it is pointed out that the speakers may be placed outside when important events are being broadcast.

Engineers and mechanics are engaged in equipping the Beach Chalet with a modern oil-burning heating system.

The Foresters of America, on Sunday, December 4, dedicated a beautiful bronze and marble drinking fountain in the Children's Playground at Golden Gate Park in memory of their brethren lost in the late war. The dedication was attended by state and city officials, members of the clergy and representatives of the American Legion. Music was furnished by the Municipal Band.

The fountain stands in place of a large stone structure that has been a landmark in the park for several generations. The old fountain has been moved to the other end of the playground just below the stone stairway leading to the South Drive. In this location it will serve the small ball-grounds as well as the playgrounds. It took a crew of men, under Superintendent John McLaren, several days to move the massive pile.

Another object well known to the children which is undergoing some changes is the tiny donkey carriage that draws the children around the swing yard. At present it is scattered all over the paint shop undergoing a thorough cleaning and painting.

A good Community Chest means less want and less crime. It is good insurance against lawlessness to support it.—**Matthew Brady.**

Making Opinions Go To Work

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it was held that school teachers could not be paid semi-monthly, since the state law governs and not the charter.

In a number of opinions during the course of the past two years, it was held that the Board of Health was authorized to abate premises which are a public nuisance.

Army field clerks, in an opinion written for the Assessor, were found to be subject to military law, hence, are entitled to exemption from taxation as provided by the state constitution, in the event that they served as such during a period of war.

Natives of the Philippine Islands are not citizens of the United States and cannot become such unless they have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, and have been honorably discharged therefrom. This is the gist of an opinion rendered to the Board of Police Commissioners.

In response to a question from the Board of Education, it was held that a teacher in the public schools who had declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, was holding his position lawfully.

A LIABILITY on the part of the city and county for articles lost at the checking stand maintained at the Palace of the Legion of Honor does not exist, since the institution is maintained for the public welfare.

A question arose with regard to whether the general counsel of the Western Pacific Railroad Company, who is also engaged in private practice, should be taxed on his gross receipts, including the salary he receives as such representative. This was answered in the affirmative, and as a result the tax collector levied on a considerably larger sum than otherwise.

The city treasurer, desiring to pay salaries to members of the Fire Department twice during each month, requested an opinion concerning the legality of this method of payment. He was informed that the charter required monthly salary payments, with the result that the charter was subsequently amended to provide for the payment of salaries semi-monthly.

THE Probation Committee of the Juvenile Court requested information regarding whether the city and county should pay for damages done to the property of a private citizen by a municipally owned automobile. The answer was that no money could be paid under such circumstances, since the automobile was not being operated in a proprietary capacity. This is a different situation than in a case where an automobile is being driven under the direction of the Municipal Railway System. Of course, damages sustained by any person through the negligence of an employee of the city and county are obtainable from the individual responsible.

An interesting question arose in one request wherein the Board of Administration of the Retirement System desired to know whether a person having no insurable interest could be made the beneficiary under the insurance plan of our local Retirement System. An ordinance provides that such cannot be done. This means that an employee's friends cannot be made beneficiaries. There must be some relationship, at least, between the parties.

A request regarding whether a member of the United States Revenue Cutter Service was entitled to come within the privileges conferred by the tax exemption provisions of th State Constitution, was decided adversely to the claimant.

Many more important opinions have been written, such as the right of the Board of Supervisors to make an appropriation for the payment of the services of Delos F. Wilcox, retained as a traffic expert, and others, which have been given so much publicity in the local newspapers as to make mention herein repetition.

OPINION writing is, of course, only one of the important duties of the office. By far the greatest work done, is in litigating the various matters which involve the municipality. In practically all cases the city and county is defendant. The commencement of an action, except in condemnation cases, is a more or less rare proceeding. While the office of district attorney is one of offense, that of city attorney is primarily one of defense. Many of our citizens, for one reason or another, are chronic victims of acute "ligitis," and whenever the disease strikes them they commence a suit against the city and county. They are invariable losers, but this apparently neither dissuades nor deters them.

It may be interesting to know that the City Attorney's office, with the limited number of deputies assigned to it, and there is only one more now than in 1900, excluding rate litigation counsel, handles all litigation for the Board of Education, Board of Public Works, Tax Collector, Assessor, Police Commission, Fire Commission, Municipal Railway, Board of Supervisors, Board of Health, and many other departments and commissions embraced in our local government. Fortunately, we receive the proper departmental cooperation necessary to act promptly and carefully, otherwise it would be impossible to accomplish the Herculean tasks set before us.

In Memoriam

JOSEPH I. TWOHIG

ONCE more the Grim Reaper has reached into our ranks, this time to remove Joseph I. Twohig, for twenty-eight years a deputy in the Tax Collector's office. Mr. Twohig died on January 23. He was born in San Francisco sixty-eight years ago and has lived here continuously.

He occupied many positions of trust under the city government, among them the clerkship under the late Judge William T. Wallace with whom there existed a warm and lasting friendship. With loyal heart and faithful hand he discharged all public trusts.

Mr. Twohig is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Kelly and Mrs. Julie Raymond. His wife passed away three months ago and her death affected him keenly.

Fellow employees and all who knew him feel a deep sense of loss at his departure. There was no gentler, kindlier, manlier man than he. To his bereaved family his friends extend their sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

The Purpose of Classification

By WILFORD E. TALBERT
Chairman Salary Standardization Board

NEARLY all of our readers are familiar with the principles of "zoning," as applied in reports last year. Under a zoning plan all classes of positions, regardless of the kind of service, are set up for comparison with one another to the end that all kinds of service shall receive equally good treatment in the matter of compensation.

WILFORD E. TALBERT

This year, as previously announced in these columns, we have been engaged exclusively in seeing that all positions were first assigned to the proper classes. For this reason we have received many inquiries as to what bearing this has on salary standardization and as to how it will benefit those who are underpaid. It is our purpose in this article to answer these questions.

There are two principal reasons why a re-classification of existing positions is necessary before any logical plan of salary administration can be developed.

In the first place, some of the existing classes are based on salaries paid rather than on duties performed. For example, a clerical job paying $175 a month or less must be filled by a "General Clerk." But the same job may be, and often is, performed by an "Experienced Clerk" for any amount over $175 a month that the authorities see fit to pay. Obviously, the same job should carry the same pay, no matter who holds it.

In the second place, employees do not always perform the duties for which they were certified. For example, we find a watchman holding a semi-executive position, a telephone operator acting as a clerk, a journeyman's helper acting as a clerk, etc. Such discrepancies do not occur frequently, of course, but when they do occur we have to find out what the incumbents are actually doing and then re-classify the positions accordingly.

AFTER all of the information about a job has been assembled it is grouped with other jobs that are like it as to duties and responsibilities, regardless of department. Such a group, called a "class," will include only those positions which are so nearly alike as to warrant both the same examination and the same pay.

A definition for the class is then worked out, and thereafter all new positions will be assigned to the class whose definition they fit best.

Naturally where the positions within each class are treated alike as to salary it is necessary to have more classes than at present. For example, where we now have only two classes—General Clerk and Experienced Clerk—to cover the wide range from the simplest clerical duties to the most responsible executive positions, it will be necessary to have several grades—perhaps five or six. This will open up many more promotional opportunities, based on examination, than exist at present.

At the same time that hundreds of positions have been re-classified in accordance with duties performed it is also true that present incumbents have been protected. No employee may be removed from a position to which he was regularly appointed, and his existing civil service rights may not be adversely affected. Furthermore his salary, at least the salary he received in 1924, may not be reduced.

THE Charter leaves the method of fixing salaries pretty largely to the Supervisors. However, the least they could do would be to pay everyone in the same class the same pay. And this would be a long step in the direction of "like pay for like service." At any rate it is only reasonable to suppose that they will raise the pay of those in any given class who are shown to be underpaid before granting additional increases to those of the class who are already well paid.

The classification, as published, will be set up according to kinds of service—Clerical, Engineering, Medical, etc.—so that it will also be comparatively easy for anyone to see that all classes within the same division of the service receive equitable treatment with respect to one another. Those who are familiar with "zoning" will appreciate that it is but a slight additional step to make comparisons between the different kinds of service.

We hope to have the classification itself completed by budget time. And we intend to give every employee a chance to express himself regarding his classification before the job as a whole is officially completed. So we have every reason to believe that at least one long step in the direction of salary standardization will have been taken before next July, and it is barely possible that even more than the first step may have been taken.

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Parks and Museums

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also busy installing a new and up-to-date soda fountain, cooking ranges, steam tables, coffee dispensing equipment, and everything that goes to make for quick and satisfactory service in a tea room. Both dining rooms will undergo a complete change.

M. H. de Young Memorial Museum

THE promenade lectures will continue to be given every Sunday at four o'clock and every Wednesday at two at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park. On the first Miss Helen Gordon Barker will discuss the paintings by California artists in two of the galleries; on the fifth Louis C. Towne will explain the exhibits in the Oriental gallery; on the eighth Miss Barker will talk in Statuary Hall; on the twelfth Mr. Towne will lecture in the furniture galleries, and on the fifteenth Miss Barker in the gallery of musical instruments; on the nineteenth Mr. Towne will discuss Oriental textiles and on the twenty-second Miss Barker will lecture in the Colonial galleries; on the twenty-sixth Mr. Towne will talk in the jewel room and on the twenty-ninth Miss Barker will tell about the collections of ceramics.

Legion of Honor Palace

AT a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, held on December 29, President Herbert Fleishhacker announced that Mrs. Alma de Bretteville Spreckels had made a deed of gift of ten bronze statues by the California sculptor, Arthur Putnam, to the Palace. These bronzes are among a large collection of works by Putnam loaned by Mrs. Spreckels and on exhibition at the museum for some time. They range in size from small to heroic, and are beautifully executed.

January was a busy month at the Palace. The Whitney Studio Club's exhibition of forty-two paintings by the American artists of this New York organization was on view from the sixteenth to the end of the month. Then there was a new exhibit placed at the Palace by Miss Martha Wheeler Baxter, California painter of miniatures, which is still to be seen.

The Seventh International Water Color Circuit Exhibition, collected by the Art Institute of Chicago, continued until Sunday, January 22, when it was shipped on to its next place of display. In addition to these the Italian Renaissance collection belonging to Carl W. Hamilton of New York remained on view until and including January 8, when it was dismantled. However, the Modern Exhibition, consisting chiefly of paintings but including also a few pieces of sculpture, which was to have been taken down at the same time as the Hamilton collection, will remain at the Palace indefinitely.

From time to time additional pictures have been placed with the original collection of modern art, which was first hung on September 1. The collection now takes three galleries and has attracted thousands of visitors.

Permanent exhibits, belonging to the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, which were taken down temporarily to make room for visiting shows, have been replaced in the galleries. This system of rotation of exhibits is in accordance with the usual museum practice.

During the month of February a room full of red chalk drawings by the great Italian sculptor, Arturo Dazzi, will be installed in the Palace. These drawings were recently brought from Rome by Mrs. Clara Huntington Perkins, daughter of the late Henry E. Huntington of Pasadena. They will form an intensely interesting exhibit.

Of Interest to Women

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one persists. The printed designs are charming for accessories and trimmings but if you weigh more than 100 pounds, look with suspicion on figured materials.

COOK A MEAL FOR MOTHER

By Martha Adams

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But if her recipe files do not readily yield up the recipes for the surprise menu, follow these which are sure to make any mother's eyes beam with surprise and pride.

To make enough creamed chicken for ten servings, make a white sauce of three tablespoons of Nucoa, three tablespoons of flour and a cup and a half of milk or cream. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Now add three cups of cooked chicken and a tablespoon and a half of parsley and cook until the sauce is thoroughly heated again. Beat two egg yolks, add two tablespoons of milk and pour into the first mixture. Cook for two minutes and serve on dainty toast points.

To make a sauce for the same number of people, put a cup and a quarter of brown sugar, four tablespoons of Nucoa and two-thirds of a cup of corn syrup into a saucepan and boil to 230 degrees Fahrenheit. Then add three-quarters of a cup of thin cream. Serve this on the ice cream with a sprinkling of chopped nuts and we'll wager that the experienced home-makers you are serving will want the secret of your delicious dessert.

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To give to the Community Chest is the best way to fulfill one's moral obligation to mankind.—**Phil Katz.**

Raymond McIntosh Passes

THE saddest news that has come to the City Engineer's office in years was delivered on the morning of January 28 to the effect that Raymond P. McIntosh had passed away after a long and unsuccessful fight against disease.

Mr. McIntosh was a hydraulic engineer of national fame. His services to the city of San Francisco on the Hetch Hetchy project will never be forgotten. He designed the famous O'Shaughnessy dam, keystone of the whole project, as well as the Lake Eleanor and Early Intake dams and the Dumbarton pipe line crossing the bay below Redwood City.

According to Chief O'Shaughnessy he was the greatest mathematician in California and had a bewildering facility in handling abstruse computations. He had been employed by the city as a hydraulic engineer since 1912.

Henry Goldman Decorated

HENRY GOLDMAN, chief clerk in the District Attorney's office, is sporting a big silver star that outshines in brilliance anything around the Hall of Justice unless it is the Gold Star of the chief of police himself.

Henry was recently appointed a special officer by the Board of Police Commissioners and was presented with the star as his badge of office. He was sworn in by Chief O'Brien, who pinned the medal on his breast.

Engraved under the star are the initials "H. G." which his associates say stands for "High Grade" and which is typical of all of his work in the District Attorney's office.

Henry entered the office when District Attorney Matthew Brady was first elected eight years ago and has been hitting the ball ever since. With another four years coming up he and his boss are in a fair way to establish a long-distance record for tenure of office in the district attorney line in the United States.

By Martha Evans

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over the more serious problems with their unhappy parents.

I have been very happy in my work as head of this department and have enjoyed being brought in contact and close touch with hundreds of women and girls, thereby giving me an opportunity to do some good constructive work in the interests of humanity. But the thing that has brought to my heart the greatest amount of happiness is the fact that I am affectionately referred to by many as the "Little Mother of San Francisco."

The opportunity for each one in his or her own way to acknowledge the worthiest of all communal responsibilities is the Community Chest.—**Edward F. Bryant.**

The Community Chest helps those who are in need. Let us help those in need by helping the Chest.—**John J. O'Toole.**

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France Honors San Francisco

ONE of the few great cities of the world, San Francisco was asked last fall by the government of France to take part in a celebration to be held in Paris during the latter part of October in honor of Marcelin Bertholet, one of the founders of modern chemistry.

There has always been a particular feeling of friendship between San Francisco and the French people fostered by the fact that this city numbers among its prominent citizens many natives of the French Republic. This feeling of intimacy was cemented after the disaster of 1906 when France, of all the great nations of the world, sent its ambassador, Jules Jusserand, to present the city with a gold medal in commemoration of its rebirth after the fire.

San Francisco has never forgotten, either, the fact that, in 1915, while it was fighting for its very life in the great World War, France, nevertheless, found time to erect and maintain a magnificent exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The invitation of the French government to take part in the Bertholet celebration was therefore promptly accepted by Mayor Rolph, and S. J. Brun, a prominent citizen of San Francisco, who was then visiting in France, was delegated to represent this city.

DR. BRUN'S report to Mayor Rolph and to the city was received a few weeks ago and is reproduced here in part. It was written in Paris on October 28 and says:

"As the delegate of the City of San Francisco at the centennial of Marcelin Bertholet, it may be expected that I narrate briefly the events of that celebration.

"The festivities began at La Sorbonne Sunday night (October 23) where the delegations of all nations and cities, some 1500 strong, were greeted by the authorities of the University of Paris.

"The next day, Monday, among the many activities of the day, the municipality received at the beautiful Hotel De Ville (city hall), in a hall worthy in every way of the metropolis of France, a hall with its walls covered with paintings from the brushes of painters of great renown and adorned with statues from the chisels of great sculptors. I could not, in viewing that reception room, but wish that in our City Hall in beloved San Francisco, we had a similar room where our artists might leave upon its walls some of the best they were able to conceive and pass to posterity some of their art and genius. But perhaps it is not too late to think of this and, when the War Memorial is being built, we may dedicate part of it to such a reception room. Here the municipality could receive with pride honored guests and here our local artists, those now living and those yet to be born, could give to San Francisco an eclat worthy of the destiny sure to be hers.

ON THE evening of the same day the Sorbonne again opened its doors and a solemn session was held under the Presidency of the Minister of War. M. Painleve, a savant of no mean parts, and in the presence of the President of the Republic. The gathering had a touch of the medieval, the red robes of judges and cardinals, the violet, scarlet and yellow gowns of French professors, the somber hues of the gowns of foreign professors, the uniforms of marshals and generals, those of ministers and diplomats glittering

under the electric lights, staged a show well worth coming from San Francisco to see.

"There were of course many speeches and addresses, all having for their themes the discoveries and the renown of the great French chemist. The praises brought to this shrine by savants and scholars of all the world spoke volumes for the undying fame of Bertholet. A point much emphasized, and which pleased the descendants of Bertholet, seated in places of honor, was his great love for humanity, his unselfishness and his desire to make the whole world the benefactor of his chemical discoveries. Although these discoveries have enabled thousands of manufacturers and merchants to accumulate untold wealth, Bertholet refused to protect them by patent, and died poor. The delegates pictured a Bertholet as great in heart as in brain.

"One of the addresses delivered by a most distinguished German professor of chemistry was well received, and, of all the applause, that accorded him was the warmest. If science may bring Germany and France closer together, who will not rejoice? The centennial of Marcelin Bertholet shall not have been held in vain indeed.

ON THURSDAY morning the delegates gathered early at the Pantheon, the resting place of France's most glorious sons and daughters. Here Madame Bertholet lies by the side of her husband. The great scientist could not bear the idea of living without the companion of his many years of struggle, and on the day she breathed her last, he voluntarily left the land of the living.

"Between two great pillars, bearing two alabaster bowls, from which arose a soft flame symbolic of two souls unseen but near, France's great premier, M. Poincaire, rose. In classical French he recounted the life and work of Bertholet. The scene and the speech took us back in thought to the days of Greece and Athens when the then great living honored their great dead. The semi-pagan and semi-religious services over, motor cars took us to Versailles, where a banquet was held in the Galerie des Batailles under the presidency of M. Edward Herriot, Minister of Public Instruction.

"The evening was spent at the grand opera, where a grand soiree de gala was held. In the Grand Foyer, mingling with the delegates, one could hear spoken all the tongues of the world. A jet black Abyssinian, his breast aglow with many decorations, and his wife, in white attire of pure silk, out of which bulged a head of kinky black hair, were perhaps the most conspicuous. Chinese and Japanese with their consorts had come from their native lands to honor the great dead whose discoveries had given to the product of the silk worms the many beautiful tints and hues so much appreciated by the ladies.

WEDNESDAY we went to Chantilly. We lunched in the princely stable where in former days war steeds occupied the stalls. Their names can still be seen on the walls. M. George Lecomte, President of the Societe des Gens de Lettres, gave the address of welcome. Chantilly should be one of the shrines visited by every San Franciscan who goes to France. The park was laid out and the Chateau built by the great Lenotre on the order of the great Condé, victor of Recroi. In the course of time this princely estate passed into the hands of the Duc d'Aumale. At his death a few years ago the Duc gave it to the Institut de France, a learned body, in trust for all true lovers of the beautiful. I shall not attempt any descripion of Chantilly's park and Chateau. My pen is unequal to the task, but I will merely advise those who may read this not to fail to see these when in France.

"In the evening the President of the Republic of France gave a reception at the Elysee. A play from the pen of M. Claudel, the French Ambassador at Washington, preceded the reception. There was also the ballet for those who preferred a well-shaped ankle to a well-turned phrase.

"The buffet was besieged, the closest faring better than the rest. Scientists are but human and they may suffer at times with parched throats. However, the refreshments were ample and the eighteenth amendment to our constitution non-existent in this jurisdiction. But orangeades and lemonades were not lacking, so all had their choice.

"The festivities ended with this reception at the Elysee, but such events are after all soon forgotten even by those who participated in them. With appropriate dedication ceremonies a cornerstone of an International Chemical Building was laid. It will be known as La Maison de Chimie. It will be built by private subscription from the people of all nations and will be dedicated to the scientific men of all the world. La Maison de Chimie will be the part of the festivities which will last.

"Bertholet was the contemporary of Renan and Pasteur. Renan was wrong when he advised his friend Bertholet to devote his time and brains to the study of pure photography. Instead Bertholet brought forth his discoveries in chemistry which have enriched the world.

"It was a privilege, M. Mayor, to bring to the committee in charge of these festivities the tribute of gratitude and of respect which the City of San Francisco feels for the memory of the great chemist, Marcelin Barthelot, and this great privilege I have duly appreciated."

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The Good-Will Industries, through which old men are taken off the streets, and given employment, in accord with their physical strength. Donations of clothing, shoes, etc., are welcomed by this agency.

The work of the San Francisco Boys' Club, another agency, is well-known by all teachers.

Mr. Wensinger Mahoney of the Incorporating Committee presented a report, which will be acted upon at the next general meeting.

Miss Carroll and President John F. Brady reported on the Municipal Retirement System and the Municipal Retirement Conference. On the latter Mr. Brady reported the belief that there would be few major changes. The women teachers have stabilized the system since their entry.

Among communications received were:

National Council of Administrative Women in Education, Bay Counties Section, enclosing copy of resolutions adopted in reference to certification, tenure, administrative opportunities for women and the relation of the members of the California Teachers' Association to the activities of the organization. (Referred to the Legislative Committee.)

Mr. E. G. Gridley, Bay Secretary California Teachers' Association, in reference to heating facilities at the recent teachers' institute.

In reference to the request that teachers' salaries be regularly paid on the first day of each month, Mr. Dupuy reported that an interview had been held with Deputy Superintendent Hardy; and another conference will be held in the near future.

It was moved and carried that the February meeting of the Governing Council be merged with the semi-annual general meeting, as called for in the constitution. This meeting will be held at Part Time High School, Thursday, February 16, 1925.

The attention of representatives is called to the meeting for the nomination of officers of the Association, February 2.

The Fire Department

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5005 Third Street, was the winner of the watch in the recent contest for the benefit of Hoseman William Riordan of Engine Co. 11, who has been on the sick list without pay since last July. Approximately $1450 was realized, which is something to be proud of, and on behalf of Captain Byrne and the members of Engine Co. 11 we wish to extend sincere thanks to the members of the Fire Department and others who so generously supported it.

The fire commissioners have named S. V. Favilla to the new post created January 3, that of Chief Deputy Fire Marshal.

The commission also appointed Charles V. McCarthy as hoseman, Engine 13; John Ring as hoseman Engine 11, and Frank J. Rose hoseman, Engine 48.

Leo J. Ervin and Truman S. Waterman were retired on half-pay for disability, and William F. O'Connor member of the department for thirty-four years, has been retired on full pay.

Employees Retirement System

FOLLOWING is a statement of retirements and payments of the San Francisco City Employee's Retirement System during the months of October, November and December, 1927:

Retired For Service

ASSESSOR: James Craven, deputy.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Fannie P. Bronson, principal; Mary E. Gaffney, janitress; Anna C. Herndon, teacher; Helen M. Hogan, teacher; Esther Kelly, janitress; Elizabeth S. Louderback, teacher; Julia G. Maher, vice-principal; Julia McDonald, teacher; Maria R. Norris, secretary; Franklin E. Perham, teacher.

PARK COMMISSION: Thomas Creaney, laborer.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: Charles E. Osgood, cement finisher; Theodore A. W. Tominski, inspector; George M. Guldager, conductor; James H. Hunter, cleaner; Henry A. Beerman, sweeper; Lorenzo Gotelli, sweeper.

TREASURER: John J. Greif, deputy.

Retired For Disability

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Helen M. Rutherford, teacher; Alice M. Waterbury, teacher; Amy E. Witt, teacher.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY: Charles F. Daley, fire alarm operator.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Mary E. Keating, field nurse.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: George E. De Groot, conductor.

Death Claims Paid

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Joseph A. Connolly, janitor, $1,102.77; Belle MacCuaig, stenographer, $1,104.29; Mabel O. Mahoney, teacher, $1,022.83; Fred C. Miller, teacher, $1,139.14; Martha H. Poppe, teacher, $1,818.40; Elizabeth Venard, teacher, $1,277.15; J. Albert Winchester, teacher, $1,192.38.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Lisle P. Freligh, superintendent of nurses, $1,964.02; Charles F. T. Knapp, head cook, $1,158.88.

PARK: Alexander M. Young, laborer, $1,209.20.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: John P. Horgan, chief building inspector, $4,439.45; Augustus D. Phares, surveyor, $2,353.62; James J. Moriarty, conductor, $1,356.34; Jerome A. Buckley, sweeper, $1,374.68; James Doyle, asphalt worker, $1,627.92.

Total amount of death claims paid during three months, $24,141.07.

Retirement allowances paid to retired members during 3 months, $76,639.86.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving city service during 3 months, $9,557.48.

Total payments to beneficiaries, retired members and ex-members, $110,338.41.

FIRE MARSHAL LOSES MOTHER

Friends of Fire Marshal Frank P. Kelly extend to him their sincere sympathy in the death of his mother, Mrs. B. F. Kelly, who was accidentally asphyxiated at her home in Gridley on January 8. Mrs. Kelly was 73 years of age. Her death was caused by a leaky gas heater.

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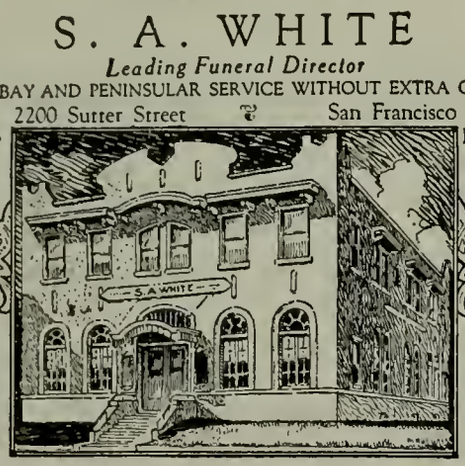

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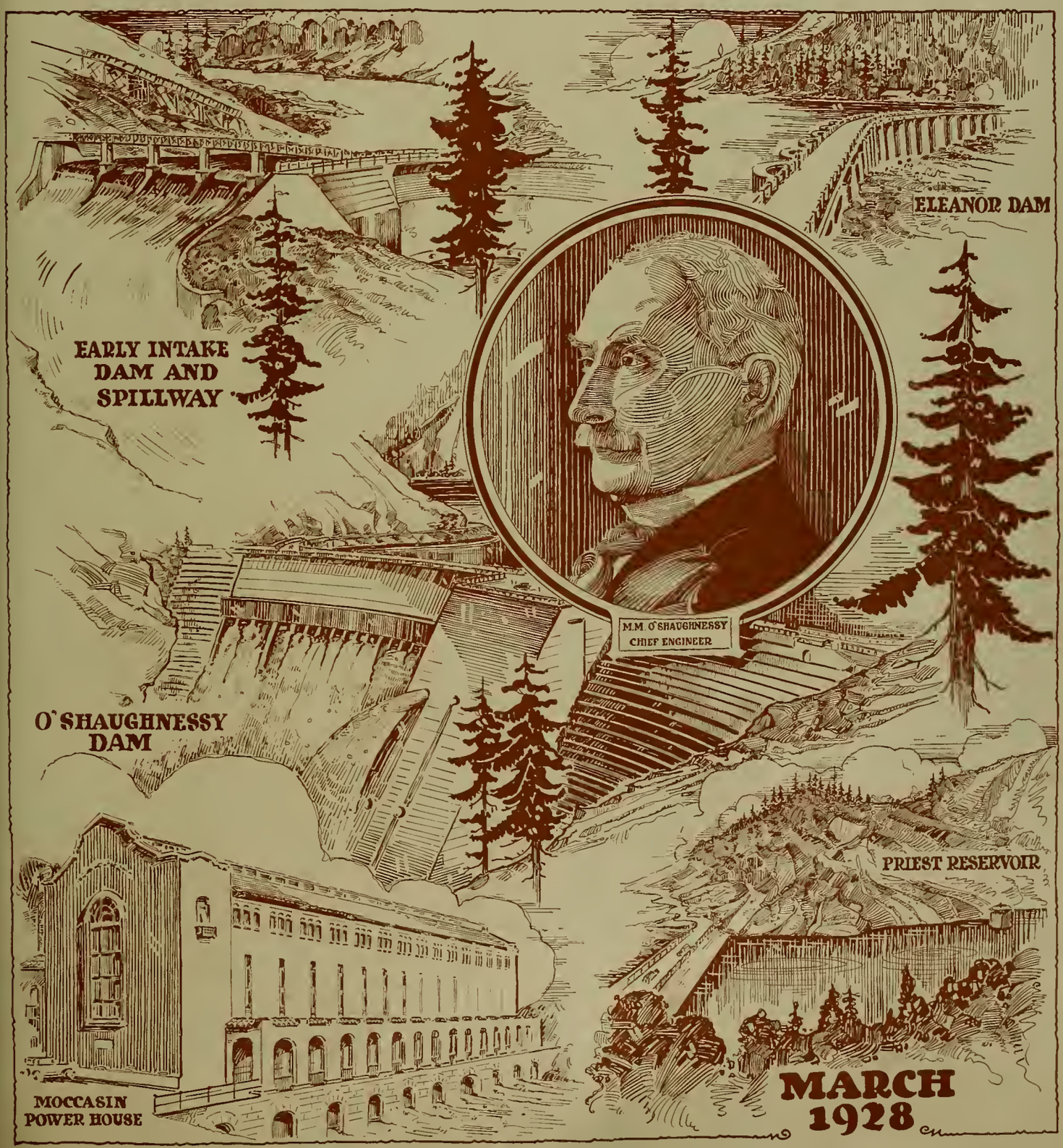

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An Engineer's Edition

TO THE engineers, the men who first blaze the trail of progress for an advancing civilization, and whose genius then provides that civilization with its comforts and its needs, this edition of the MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE is dedicated.

It has two purposes: first to give some adequate comprehension of the magnitude of the operations of the engineering department of San Francisco and its chief, M. M. O'Shaughnessy; and, second, to pave the way for the educational campaign that must follow between now and May first on behalf of the water bonds.

No city can be bigger than its city engineer. Upon him devolves the responsibility of building today for the people of a decade or a quarter of a century hence. Upon his foresight and his wisdom the successful growth of the municipality largely depends. Upon him also devolves the gigantic task of carrying forward, energetically and economically—and often in the face of determined opposition—the huge tasks of today.

San Francisco is fortunate in having now, and in having had for sixteen years past, a man with the ability of M. M. O'Shaughnessy, whose genius is recognized in his profession all over the world. Around him he has gathered an engineering staff of loyal and able men whose efficiency has given the department a reputation second to none in the world.

No better illustration of its spirit can be found than in the organization last summer of a baseball nine upon receipt of a challenge from the team of the Los Angeles engineers which had swept the field in Southern California. Chief O'Shaughnessy accepted and, before the month was over, the local nine had organized, trained and defeated the champs on their home grounds. A few weeks later it repeated the performance here. The same spirit has built Hetch Hetchy and has sped forward all the tasks of the department.

Between now and the first of May all of San Francisco must be brought to realize the importance of the water bond issues. Unless the voters give a two-thirds majority to the two proposals, one for the completion of Hetch Hetchy, and one for the purchase of Spring Valley, San Francisco will suffer a serious setback in its program of achievement.

Read the article by Chief O'Shaughnessy himself in this issue, telling of the need and wisdom of voting the bonds *now*.

Notice

Due to delay in receiving copy the advertisements of several firms have been held over for the April issue.

The Birth of Hetch Hetchy

M. M. O'SHAUGHNESSY
[Photo by Chaffee]

THE first effort to obtain a water supply, municipally owned, before the Board of Supervisors, was on August 3, 1874, when T. R. Scowden, a civil engineer from Louisville, Kentucky, was appointed to make a survey of local sources of water.

Supervisor Deering, father of Mr. Deering, librarian of the Law Library, was chairman of the Water Committee of that date. On the 26th day of July, 1875, Mr. Scowden filed his report, recommending the Calaveras site in Alameda County. James Otis was mayor of San Francisco and solicited an offer from the Spring Valley Water Company, which requested $14,500,000 for its property. It was higher than the city would pay and negotiations to purchase stopped.

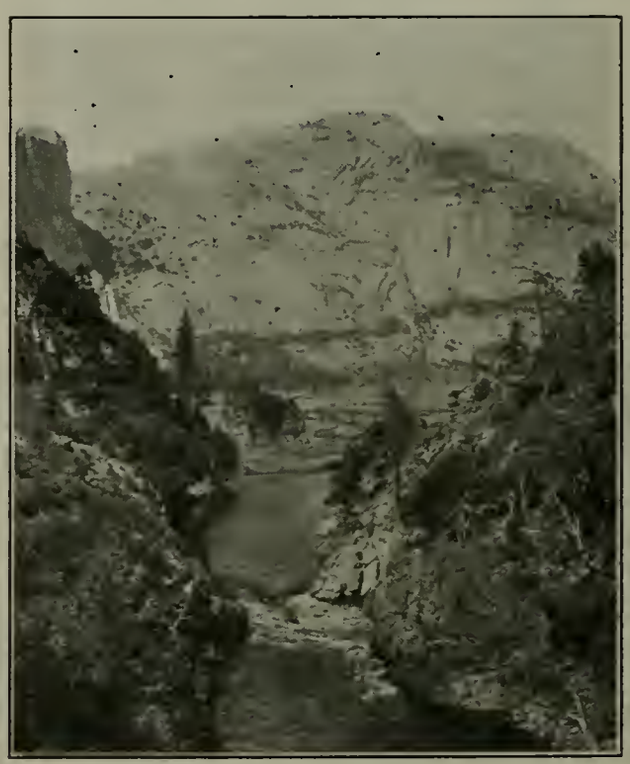
In 1900, with the advent of Mayor James D. Phelan and the new charter of the city, C. E. Grunsky was appointed City Engineer.

ON NOVEMBER 24, 1902, Mr. Grunsky made an exhaustive report on all sources of water supply, including the Spring Valley Water Company, Mokelumne River, Eel River, American River, Giant Gap, Lake Tahoe, Yuba River, Feather River, Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, Stanislaus River and Tuolumne River, concluding with the statement: "No facts are known which would justify the hope of any of those sources that they can be shown to be more available than the Tuolumne River, which, with the light of information now at hand, is the most available source of supply for an independent system of a municipal water works or for the reinforcement of the established system."

Mr. Grunsky filed exhaustive plans for the methods of developing the system, which included construction of two forty-inch pipe lines running over Altamont Pass and south of the San Francisco Bay at Alviso, into a new reservoir to be made at Belmont, the entire cost of the supply being $39,531,000, including $8,807,000 for a city distributing system. The initial supply was to be sixty million gallons of water per day, enough for a population of 600,000 people.

Applications were made before the Secretary of the Interior at Washington to get approval of plans for building dams inside the Yosemite National Park, between 1900 and 1903. These applications were strenuously resisted by the National Park Service, Irrigation Districts of Turlock and Modesto, and the Spring Valley Water Company. So that, at the period of the fire in April, 1906, the project was in a state of suspended animation. In fact, Resolution No. 6949, passed by the Schmitz Board of Supervisors and approved by him on January 29, 1906, requested the city to refrain from spending further money, energy or time on the futile attempt to acquire the so-called Tuolumne system.

At the time Mayor Phelan ceased to be Mayor, Mr.



As the Tuolumne River looked in 1914; the O'Shaughnessy Dam now stretches across this narrow gorge

The Story of a Dream Made True

By M. M. O'SHAUGHNESSY
City Engineer

The bed of Hetch Hetchy Valley, now a huge lake which stretches far back into the mountains
—Photo by Chaffee

Grunsky resigned as City Engineer and the development of Hetch Hetchy languished under the government and administration of Mayor Schmitz and his Board of Supervisors.

The first notice of the Tuolumne River as a source of water supply was in 1882 in a plan prepared by J. P. Dart, engineer for the Tuolumne and San Francisco Water Company. On May 11, 1894, George M. Harris made representations to the Committee on Water Supply, suggesting the Tuolumne River for a source and offered all his rights and interest in the river for $200,000.

Next, attention was directed to the subject in the United States Geological Survey's twenty-first annual report by J. H. Quinton, a distinguished civil engineer from Los Angeles, suggesting a dam to go on Hetch Hetchy basin, with the expression: "Another purpose for which the dam and reservoir would be made to serve would be to furnish the city of San Francisco with an unlimited supply of pure water."

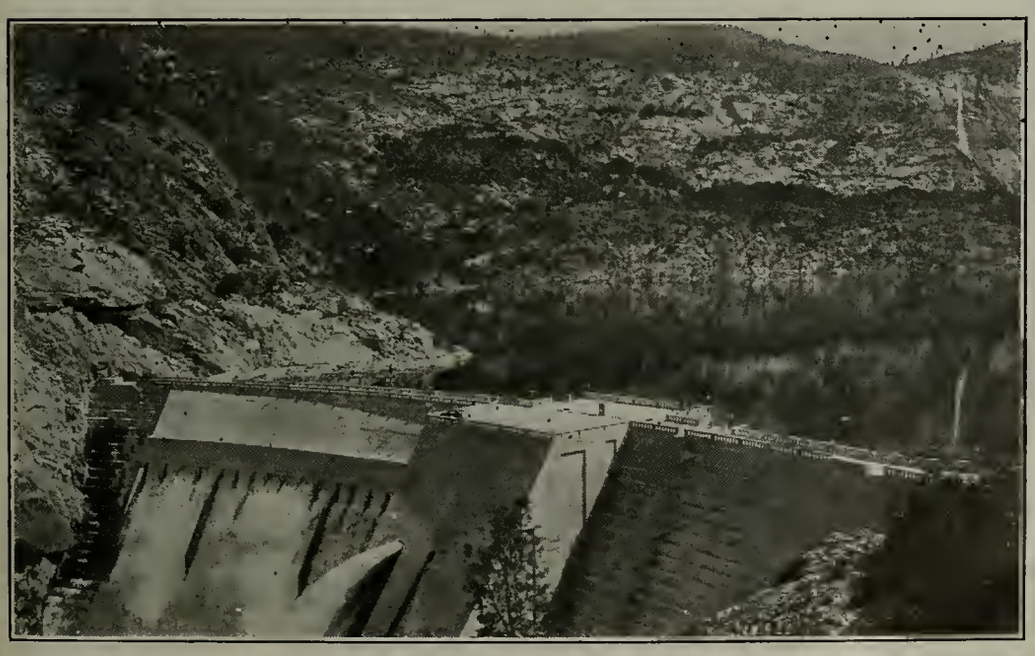
Much credit is due to former City Engineer Marsden Manson, who kept the subject alive in spite of an unfriendly atmosphere, by his personal persistence and energies. He became City Engineer under Mayor Taylor. Through his efforts, on May 11, 1908, the Secretary of the Interior, James R. Garfield, granted the so-called Garfield Permit, which gave the city the right to develop Lake Eleanor and subsequently Hetch Hetchy.

On September 14, 1908, he addressed a communication and estimate to the Board of Public Works modifying the Grunsky plan slightly and advising the purchase of lands for reservoirs around Hetch Hetchy and Lake Eleanor.

On October 23, 1908, Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald and Professor Charles D. Marx of Stanford University made a report as consulting engineers, on the adequacy of the Tuolumne supply, which was favorable.

At the request of James D. Phelan, Mayor, the first legal filings made on the Hetch Hetchy were by H. E. Greene, a civil engineer, who died in Mexico last August.

Various contests were had over water rights on the Tuolumne River, the city first buying the Smith lands, about 700 acres, above the Hetch Hetchy damsite, for about $110 per acre. Simultaneously we took option on the lands around Lake Eleanor, which fell into the hands of speculators, including William Hammond Hall and John Hays Hammond, the city finally purchasing all their rights for $1,000,000. So that up to date practically $2,000,000 has been invested in land ownerships and rights of way. This compares very favorably with the Los Angeles venture in Owens Valley, where they have already paid practically $12,000,000 to purchase lands to



The completed dam and reservoir —Photo by Chaffee

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NELSON ECKART

—Photo by Boussum

The Building Of a City

TO THE average individual engrossed in his own affairs, the city in which he lives may appear to be in a more or less state of completed development. This is due to the fact that his point of view is too close up to permit him getting the proper perspective of the city as a whole, nor does he get the changing view of the various sections as the community grows.

As a matter of fact, no city unless it be decadent can be considered as being fully developed; there are extensive changes and developments going on within every city continuously. The extent of these changes depends largely upon the people themselves, and upon the type and ability of the officials chosen to represent them, upon whom the task of planning and building of the city devolves. If these officials have the confidence of the public, the people do not hesitate to provide the necessary funds either by taxation or bond issues, in order that their city may properly develop, because they feel that the expenditures will be wisely made and the work well performed.

It is needless to say that the greatest development will take place in that city where a well-conceived basic plan and program is worked out well in advance, which should be modified only in such features and to such extent as may be necessary to conform to the requirements of new developments in the progress of civilization.

The foregoing is strikingly exemplified in our own city of San Francisco, as can be best appreciated if we look back and review some of the more important projects and improvements that have been carried out under the directing mind of the present City Engineer, M. M. O'Shaughnessy, during the past sixteen years under the Rolph administration.

M. M. O'Shaughnessy was chosen by Mayor Rolph, shortly after he first took office, as the man to plan and execute the engineering projects for a greater San Francisco, and he has been continuously on the job ever since. He is a man splendidly qualified for the work, with a broad vision looking far into the future, the necessary imagination, fine executive ability, backed up with a strong driving force and indomitable will and the courage of his convictions.

A review of the major activities of the City Engineer's office during the past sixteen years shows very clearly the remarkable development of our city during that period.

AN ADEQUATE supply of pure water is a fundamental requirement for any community. San Francisco's future in this regard is being well provided for. The Hetch Hetchy project will provide abundant water for a population of more than 4,000,000 people. The Tuolumne River had been selected as a source of water supply during the Phelan administration, but it remained for the present administration, ably represented at Washington by Mayor Rolph, City Engineer O'Shaughnessy, City Attorney Long, and others, in December, 1913, to secure the passage of definite legislation in the form of the Raker Act, which insures to the people for all time the full development and use of this source of supply.

Steadily since that time the construction of the Hetch Hetchy project has gone on. Many obstacles

The Moccasin Creek Power House in Hetch Hetchy generates more than 100,000 horsepower

—Photo by Chaffee

First the Plan and Then the Execution

By N. A. Eckart
Chief Assistant Engineer

A difficult engineering problem solved on the Church Street line of the Municipal Railway —Photo by Chaffee

that at times seemed to threaten the very life of the project have had to be overcome—financial difficulties resulting directly from war conditions, I. W. W. strikes, the subtle opposition of public utility corporations and politicians. In fact, it may be truly said that the engineering and physical problems were the least of the difficulties.

At the present time approximately $55,000,000 have been spent on the project. Reservoirs have been completed at Hetch Hetchy and Lake Eleanor, and water from these catchment areas is now flowing through twenty miles of completed tunnel to the Moccasin Power Plant, constructed as an auxiliary to the water supply as a requirement of the Raker Act. This power plant, which has been in operation since August, 1925, has brought in a revenue of $5,651,730.54 to February 1 of this year.

The Bay Crossing Division of the Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct, extending from Irvington to Crystal Springs Reservoir, some twenty miles in length, has been completed and has safeguarded San Francisco from the possibility of a water famine for the next five years, before which time the present supply will be supplemented by water delivered from Hetch Hetchy. This Bay Crossing Pipe Line is bringing in an annual revenue of $250,000 from the Spring Valley Company which, under an arrangement with the city is utilizing this line for augmenting the supply of water on the Peninsula from its Alameda sources, until such time as the city, under the option provided, purchases its properties.

More than fourteen miles of the 15.8 miles in the Foothill Division have been driven, and one-third of the footage of the construction shafts necessary for driving the tunnels in the Coast Range Division have been sunk. In boring the aqueduct tunnels an American record for hard rock tunnel driving was established, first in the Mountain Division at Priest Camp. Twice since that time this mark has been exceeded in the Foothill Division now under construction, the last time when P. A. Peterson, Superintendent at Hetch Hetchy Junction, drove 803 feet in one month. Funds are now available for the completion of the Foothill Division tunnel and the sinking of the shafts in the Coast Range. These shafts will have been completed by the first of June, 1928, and in order that the work may go on without interruption it is necessary to vote before that time a bond issue of $24,000,000 to complete the driving of 28.6 miles of tunnel in the Coast Range, and construct 47.4 miles of pipe line across the San Joaquin Valley. This work, with the purchase of the Spring Valley properties, a bond issue for which will be submitted simultaneously with the $24,000,000 issue, will complete the Hetch Hetchy project and place San Francisco in a position where it can furnish its population with an adequate supply of pure water for a number of years to come.

It will be necessary from time to time in the future to add to the pipe line capacity in the Bay Crossing Division and across the San Joaquin Valley to take care of the increased consumption in the city. This because it would be poor engineering and bad business to construct pipe lines of large excess capacity in advance and allow them to deteriorate before they are required to deliver water to their ultimate capacity. The tunnels, however, are being constructed to full size, as it costs very little additional to drive a tunnel of the size being driven than a smaller one with much less capacity.

IN CONNECTION with the Hetch Hetchy project as above referred to, the city has constructed at Moccasin Creek a power plant with an installed capacity of 80,000 K. W., equivalent to more than 100,000 h.p. In the original Freeman report and under the Raker Act, it was contemplated that this power would be developed in small stages of 10,000 h.p. at a time over a period of years. This would have been uneconomical both in the matter of development and in the matter of transmission and disposition of the electrical energy. So the City Engineer very wisely decided to construct the Moccasin Power Plant to utilize the full amount of water available to generate the maximum amount of power which could be economically developed as an auxiliary to the initial water development, thus at the earliest date producing the maximum revenue to help carry the interest and bond redemption charges.

The result of this has been to take off of the shoul-

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A City's Arteries

By Clyde Healy
Assistant City Engineer

SAN FRANCISCO, due to its hilly topography and its small but intensely populated area, with its many manufacturing and commercial enterprises supplying heavy traffic, has had the construction and maintenance of streets rather than of boulevards and highways as its main traffic problem.

The advent of the automobile created a demand for the improvement of the city's streets, and the addition of numerous paved avenues and scenic boulevards for motor vehicle traffic. With the rapid increase of automobile utilization placing an ever widening range of territory within quick reach of the motorist, came the need of well paved adequate highways, until today San Francisco's traffic problem is no longer local in nature but has become regional in character.

The economic value of an adequate system of boulevards and highways was only recognized in San Francisco in recent years. Several factors enter into the laying out of a boulevard system for this city. Adequate approaches from the southern end of the peninsula had to be provided, direct lines of communication between the principal districts of the city established and suitable routes chosen for scenic boulevards, from which general views of the city's desirable features and beauty spots could be obtained.

MAINLY in the past fifteen years, San Francisco has developed over twenty miles of purely scenic boulevards as well as many miles of utility or semi-commercial boulevards.

Boulevards such as the Twin Peaks Drive, the Great Highway, Lincoln Park Boulevard, Telegraph Hill Boulevard and the Presidio Drives are of value mainly to the pleasure seekers, and their construction is fully justified by their great use by pleasure vehicles. The greater portion of the city's traffic system, though, served the economic need for well paved, direct and short connections on easy gradient between sections of the city and over which the products and necessities are moved. The values of these roads were well brought out during the World War, when the constant movement of large amounts of military and naval supplies and industrial products by trucks was amply taken care of without congestion by San Francisco's highway system.

San Francisco's geographical location has proven a handicap in many respects, chief of which is its contracted physical connection with the surrounding territory and cities. Situated on the extreme end of a narrow peninsula, bounded by the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco bay on three sides, San Francisco has but one direction in which it can expand (without the construction of expensive bridges), and that is southward "down the peninsula." Topographical features of the city have limited the location of the natural outlets in this direction.

FOR YEARS Mission Street was the only paved direct route from the heart of the city, connecting with the main Peninsula Highway of San Mateo County to the south. Due to the adjacent large business section, it soon became too congested to accommodate the increasing volume of rapid vehicular traffic. The development of main routes of travel paralleling Mission Street became one of the problems of this department. Junipero Serra Boulevard and San Bruno Avenue were the natural selections for the first main additional highways. To serve the manufacturing district, Third Street south of the Channel (formerly called Railroad Avenue) was improved and all excessive grades eliminated. Howard Street and San Jose Avenue were developed and these served to relieve Mission Street of some of the traffic.

With these traffic arteries completed, San Francisco awakened to the fact that its main roadways carried the bulk of its peninsula bound traffic mainly onto one highway outside its limits—and that this peninsular highway could not carry the heavily increasing traffic to and from this city. Remedying this condition is not alone San Francisco's problem but is of vital interest to all the peninsula cities and counties.

A committee appointed by the Governor of California for the purpose of making a survey of the roads and highways of the state, stated in its report that the Peninsula Highway out of San Francisco passing over Colma Hill and through the cemeteries in San Mateo County was the most congested piece of highway in the state. A count of traffic taken at San Bruno showed 29,388 automobiles passing in sixteen hours. The majority of these vehicles had to pass through the "bottle-neck" at the cemeteries, as very few take the Bayshore Road through South San Francisco. This latter road is not only narrow, hilly, and with many sharp curves, but does not lead directly to the residence portion of the city, where the holiday traffic originates.

THE widening of the Peninsula Highway to a width of 124 feet for 7,500 feet south of Colma (the section "unpopularly" known as the bottle-neck) through co-operation of the state, this city, San Mateo County and the Market Street Railway Company has relieved the congestion at this point. Construction of the Skyline Boulevard under a joint highway district plan together with state aid has diverted some of the holiday and pleasure seeking traffic over this scenic route. Permanent paving on this highway will increase the amount of traffic using it.

The Bay Shore Highway, now being constructed in sections by the state from the boundary line between San Francisco and San Mateo counties to the southerly line of San Mateo County, will provide another splendid outlet through San Mateo County along a shorter route than the present main highway. This new traffic artery is adjacent to the proposed industrial area along the bay shore and will connect with the Dumbarton Highway bridge.

The $9,380,000 bond issue for boulevard construction recently authorized by the voters of San Fran-

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The life stream of San Francisco as it courses through the Early Intake Spillway. A bond issue to bring it to the people will be voted upon in May. —Photo by Chaffee

Let's Finish the Job Now

By M. M. O'Shaughnessy
City Engineer

ON THE first of May two very important bond issue propositions are to be submitted to the voters of San Francisco, both relating to the water supply of the city. One is for the completion of the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct from the mountains at an estimated cost of $24,000,000; the other is for the purchase of the Spring Valley Water Company's system, for which $41,000,000 is required. A vote in favor of both of these projects, so essential to the progress and prosperity of our city, will be the act of the intelligent, thinking citizen.

EVERYBODY is in favor of the Hetch Hetchy project. There have been three bond issues voted for that work, totaling $55,600,000, and each time the opposition was insignificant.

We have already completed the mountain development of the Hetch Hetchy system, from the great O'Shaughnessy Dam, which holds back sixty-seven billion gallons of water for storage in the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, down to Moccasin Creek in the Sierra foothills, where the 100,000 horsepower Moccasin Power Plant is turning water-power into dollars for the city of San Francisco at the rate of $2,000,000 a year.

When you drive over the Big Oak Flat Road to Yosemite do not neglect to make the two short detours to the south to see the reservoir and the power plant. The 22-mile section of the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct from Irvington to Pulgas Tunnel and Crystal Springs Reservoir is another money-maker, as the Spring Valley Water Company is paying the city $250,000 yearly for its use. The greater part of the interest and redemption charges on all outstanding Hetch Hetchy bonds is now being paid out of the revenues of the project, and the burden on the city taxpayers for the balance is a light one.

Sixteen miles of tunnels are being constructed through the foothills between Moccasin Creek and the San Joaquin Valley, and will be finished in about a year. Shaft sinking and other work preliminary to tunneling the Coast Range south of Livermore and Pleasanton is in progress.

As yet no provision has been made for financing the construction of the 28.6 miles of tunnels through the Coast Range and the 47 miles of pipe to traverse the San Joaquin Valley between Oakdale Portal on the east and Tesla Portal, Corral Hollow, on the west. It is for this purpose that the $24,000,000 bond issue is now necessary.

It will take about four years to drive the Coast Range tunnels. At the rate of the increase of consumption of the Spring Valley water it appears that the date of completion will be just about the time when the Hetch Hetchy water will be necessary in order to supplement the Spring Valley supply and keep pace with the increase of consumption. So it is important to pass this bond issue and avoid delaying the completion of the work.

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The Man O'Shaughnessy

UP IN a simply furnished office on the third floor of the City Hall, surrounded by photographs of projects under construction or completed, bookcases filled with data on all the various activities of the city, "war maps," outlining projects for the future development of the city, diplomas of membership in various engineering societies and prizes won for meritorious contributions to engineering science, may be found every day "The Chief," as he is familiarly known by all who come in contact with him. This man who for the past sixteen years has directed the engineering and construction activities of San Francisco, has left a deep impress on the city which will endure to the end of time.

Who is this O'Shaughnessy, what is he like?

If you consult "Who's Who in America" you will learn that he was born in Limerick, Ireland, May 28, 1864; that he was educated at Queen's College, Cork, and graduated from the Royal University Dublin as Bachelor of Engineering with honors in 1884; that he came to America the following year, and went to work with the Southern Pacific Company as an assistant engineer in 1886. Following this is a long list of his activities and achievements, among the more important of which were: Chief Engineer, California Midwinter Exposition, San Francisco; Chief Engineer, Mountain Copper Co.; Consulting and Construction Engineer for twenty sugar plantations in Hawaii, 1899-1906; Chief Engineer, Southern California Mountain Water Co.; City Engineer of San Francisco, September 1, 1912.

His work as City Engineer is known to all and has resulted in his being called in consultation by various municipalities throughout the United States, notably Detroit on its street railway problem, Seattle, Portland, San Diego, and others.

This bald statement of facts does not convey any idea of the human side of the man, an insight to which can only be gained through actual contact.

Among his subordinates, who are loyal to the man, he is recognized as one equally quick to bestow praise or criticism where warranted. He has the faculty of being able to inspire his men to greater effort and as a result has often brought about what has seemed the impossible in completing work within the time available. He takes a keen personal interest in every one in his organization and they in turn look upon him as a friend as well as leader.

Among the contractors he is known as a "square shooter." They do not hesitate to submit to him for final decision any question in controversy, often involving claims running into thousands of dollars.

No one has ever questioned his sincerity or his honesty. He has the reputation of being a fighter, for he is fearless. He has the courage of his convictions and does not hesitate to call a spade a spade, and has never been known to quit on a proposition which he was convinced was for the welfare of his beloved city.

He is never too busy to lend a kindly ear to delegations or individuals who want to discuss with him a problem of local interest. Often these come in with fire in their eyes and all "het up." After listening to "the Chief's" arguments, set forth in his inimitable way with occasional flashes of his Irish humor, whether he has agreed or disagreed with their views, they go away convinced that the city's engineering affairs are in good hands and the engineer's office has gained added supporters.

Away from his work the Chief keeps physically fit by hiking over Marin County, where he has a summer home, or over San Francisco's hills, or along its beaches. He plays an occasional round of golf at Presidio and nothing gives him more satisfaction than to win a ball from one of his Scotch cronies.

As long as the planning and carrying out of San Francisco's program for municipal improvements rests with such a man the citizens can rest assured that it is in good hands.

Hearings on the bill giving San Francisco the right to build a bridge across the bay from Rincon Hill to the Alameda mole will start in Washington, D. C., on March 21, before the Interstate and Foreign Committee of the House.

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Cutting Error To Nil

By C. H. STERN
Assistant City Engineer

A LARGE number of really important engineering projects have been completed in recent years under the direction of City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy.

Starting in the high Sierras with three great dams —the "O'Shaughnessy," "Eleanor" and "Priest," the first of which ranks with the greatest in the country, we have many miles of water tunnels and aqueducts. Within the city itself we have the Stockton Street tunnel with the widest span of any tunnel in the United States, the Twin Peaks tunnel, with its two and one-quarter miles of length and the distinction of being the longest municipally-owned street railway tunnel in the world; and now the recently completed Duboce tunnel. From the tunnels we come to the 75 miles of municipally-operated street railroads and in addition the many miles of boulevards.

All of these successfully accomplished engineering feats are praised by all from the most prominent engineers in the profession to those who have no idea of the skill required to bring to a successful conclusion any of the great projects—and justly so.

There is one branch of engineering work, the proper and accurate application of which is essential in all of its projects, and that is surveying. After the idea of some engineering project is conceived, it is necessary that the site be surveyed in order that plans may be properly made to fit the location and its physical characteristics. Again when it comes to construct the project the surveyor is again called upon to lay out the work on the ground so that the plans can be accurately followed.

C. H. STERN
—Photo by Bushnell

Not so many years ago the surveyor's chain of 100 links, of about eight inches each, was the medium for all linear measurements in survey work. The natural wear in the links affected the length of the chain and the resulting error in the work was often large. The United States Government allowed an error of fifty links or thirty-three feet to the mile, or about one in 160.

The next step from the chain was to the surveyor's steel tape. The tape is generally used at present, the standard length being 100 feet. For ordinary work, tape is considered accurate enough, but tapes vary in length to a considerable extent when subjected to an uneven temperature or too strong a pull by the chainmen. This variation at times is as high as one-half inch in one hundred feet, or one in twenty-four hundred, whereas, the allowable error in ordinarily accurate work is about one in ten thousand. So, while the tape was a vast improvement over the old surveyor's chain, it still left considerable room for improvement.

AS A STEP in increased accuracy for real close work in this city the "pole" was adopted and was considered the practical limit of accurate methods for measuring. This pole is made of well-seasoned wood of material about an inch square, thirteen feet nine inches in length, with a level bubble and metal shoe on each end. The bubble is required so that the chainman may be sure the pole is in a horizontal position, and the metal shoes are used to prevent wear and tear on the wood.

The top is trussed so that, when measuring without support other than at the end, the pole will not bend and give an incorrect measurement. These poles are always tested against a standard constructed for that purpose. The length of this standard varies slightly according to temperature, but the exact length may be determined at any time from a chart which shows its length at varying temperatures, the temperature being taken not of the air, but of the standard itself, which is of concrete. The true length of this standard was only arrived at after many months of accurate testing.

This method of making precise measurements, while being vastly superior to the previous methods, still left a great deal to be desired both from economic and accuracy viewpoints. When we consider that the element of personal error entered into each thirteen feet and nine inches of measurement, discarding entirely contraction and expansion due to climatic conditions, we think we had a right to feel that we had approached the ultimate in accurate chaining with an allowable error of one in fifty thousand, about one foot in ten miles.

This was close enough for almost any type of work, but economically—how that pole did eat up money! A half mile of poling was considered a good day's work—and it was. Up and down every fourteen feet, drive your stake, making a mark at the end of each pole length, using the hardest kind of a pensil or knife to make the finest scratch and making sure that, at all times, the pole is dead on the line and level because any deviation from that straight line would knock our one in fifty thousand into the discard! Is it any wonder that, after repeating this process

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"Leyner-Ingersoll" Drifter *Drill in a tunnel heading*

We of Ingersoll-Rand Company are proud that we have been chosen to co-operate with the Engineering Department of this City in many of its important construction programs.

On such work as the Hetch Hetchy development, where modern engineering facilities must provide for the future growth and comfort of the City, Ingersoll-Rand Rock Drills and Accessories have been used extensively for years.

We take this opportunity to thank the City and its Engineering Department for the confidence manifested in our equipment.

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The Aircraft Age

By L. J. Archer
Prepared Under Direction of M. M. O'Shaughnessy, City Engineer

In aeronautics we are at the opening verse of the opening page of the chapter of endless possibilities.
—Rudyard Kipling.

EARTHBOUND by instinct, we have become deeply rooted to the soil. Courage and determination took our featherless creatures into the air for their first flight; aviation came to fulfill a need and not as a coincidence.

In the commercial field, the transportation of passengers, mail, and express is proving profitable. A Lindbergh has made us think of these new air services —to envisage what they really mean. Gradually all high speed traffic will be transferred from land and sea into the air.

Safety, reliability and regularity of air travel is destroying the apprehension that has prevailed. The successful operation of air transportation lies not in the air, but on the ground. The aircraft's utility is gravely affected by the facilities and organization of the airport.

Like all pioneer enterprises, expansion is severely hampered by financial stringency. There is a necessity and a justification for the subvention of air transportation. At present encouragement is indispensable in order to assist through the stages of infancy and the ailments inherent thereto. Commercial airlines must be aided by equipping and maintaining airports as steamship operation is assisted by the dredging and deepening of waterways. "The provision of airports," says Herbert Hoover, "must be the responsibility of local government."

TRADE routes of the sea have long diverged from the port of San Francisco. A kindred port, the Mills Field Municipal Airport of San Francisco is of recent inception. Our harbor port is of world renown —our airport has had national acclaim.

The history of the selection of Mills Field is a recordation of activity. Reacting to public opinion, the Board of Supervisors named Supervisor Milo Kent, chairman of an airport committee consisting of Supervisors Gallagher and Roncovieri. The City Engineer's office was called upon to assist in a suitable selection. Prospective sites from the Marina to Palo Alto and from the Sunset District to Bay Farm Island were investigated. The topography was viewed from land and air.

On February 14, 1927, the City Engineer submitted to the Board of Supervisors estimated costs of developing the various sites, together with recommendations. By unanimous vote, these were adopted by the Board, and on May 7, His Honor, Mayor Rolph, dedicated the field and welcomed the State Aeronautical Conference.

The ideal airport should be close to the heart of the metropolitan area which it serves. Locating Mills Field on the map, it will be noted that the field is thirteen miles by highway from the City Hall, and that the airport occupies the central part of the peninsula that is destined, statisticians tell us, to become the home of millions. In time, air transportation will operate in conjunction with other conveyors of commerce. Rail and water transportation should be close at hand. Development will extend out to navigable water. A highway parallels the western boundary of the field. Spur tracks will take care of rail transportation; transit buses will carry passengers along the highway.

METEOROLOGICAL service is fulfilling two purposes at the field. In the first place meteorologist Eklund of the United States Weather Bureau and his staff of three men are observing, studying and tabulating climatological data of the present location and of three other possible sites. In the second place, they are prepared, at all times, to forecast and warn the pilot of weather conditions he will encounter on the route he is about to fly.

Light is harnessed for the night flyer. Having located his airport, the night pilot requires first an indication of the boundaries of the landing field; secondly, the marking of obstructions at the airport; and thirdly, an indication of the direction of the wind.

To assist the approaching airman in locating the airport at night a twenty-four inch incandescent 7,500,000 candlepower revolving beacon, with an automatic lamp charger, is mounted on a platform on the ridge of Hangar No. 1 at a height of about forty feet.

Having located the airport, the next concern of the pilot is to determine the landing area available and

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San Francisco's Municipal Airport at San Bruno has taken its place among the best in the United States

Put Your Nickel in Your Own Pocket

THAT'S what you do when you ride on the street cars of the Municipal Railway.

Every citizen of San Francisco owns an interest in it and every time he rides on a Municipal car he helps reduce his own taxes.

The Municipal street car system is one you may be proud of. Among traction systems of America it ranks among the first in efficiency, service and cleanliness.

It is a business organization, intelligently operated in your interests and in the interest of the city.

It has already caused the building of thousands of homes in formerly sparsely settled sections of the city.

It has added to the convenience and the wealth of its people beyond the gauge of mere dollars.

Its cars are manned by efficient and courteous public servants.

THE MUNICIPAL RAILWAYS

FRED BOEKEN, *Superintendent*

The Municipal Railway

By PAUL J. OST
Electrical Engineer

THE cars and buses of the Municipal Railway are familiar sights on our streets. To the average person they are but a means of transportation which will serve if his automobile cannot be used. From time to time extensions have been made and, while considerable interest is excited by the prospect of securing the convenience of the railway, very few people have the opportunity to know what goes on behind the scenes in the building and development of a railway.

PAUL J. OST
—Photo by Bushnell

The nucleus of the Municipal Railway System is the Geary Street line which was constructed in 1912 over the route of the old Geary Street, Park and Ocean Railway Company, which had been operating since the 70's. The route was a well established one and, as the franchise had expired, it was in line with the provisions of the Charter for the people to take over this railroad and make it their own, changing from cable to electric power. This line was placed in operation December 28, 1912, more than fifteen years ago.

It did not take long to demonstrate that the municipality was able to give real street railway service, and demands for extensions were not slow in coming in.

The fact that the Panama-Pacific International Exposition was to be held in San Francisco brought up, early in 1913, the subject of the necessary transportation. The privately owned company was called upon to find out what it would undertake to do in the way of providing the necessary transportation facilities, but the company advised that it would not be possible for it to construct any additional lines or extensions owing to Charter conditions which precluded any possibility of its getting back the investment necessary. It was therefore up to the people of the city to solve the transportation problem, and on August 26, 1913, a bond issue for $3,500,000 was voted by an overwhelming majority. Under this bond issue the city constructed and acquired approximately thirty-four miles of street railway; these lines were constructed in time to serve the exposition and within the estimated cost. Since the completion of these lines a number of other additions have been made, including the Market Street tracks from Van Ness to Geary Street, the Twin Peaks Tunnel line, the Taraval Street line, the Ocean View line. It has also been necessary to purchase more cars, add to the car-barn capacity, and add automobile buses for some locations.

THE power to authorize these additions and betterments is vested in the Board of Supervisors which frequently calls upon the City Engineer to make reports as to the feasibility of routes and the necessity for additional facilities, before ordering the work done.

When the construction of a new line has been authorized and the necessary funds made available, either through the issuance of bonds or by appropriation from current funds, the responsibility for the completion of the project passes to the Board of Public Works. This Board has delegated the construction of the railways to the City Engineer who prepares necessary plans and specifications, recommends the awards of contracts, and supervises the construction of the road, the securing of cars, power, car storage and maintenance facilities.

Outside of redwood cross ties, practically all railway material must come from the East. Much of it has to be made to order and ample time has to be allowed for delivery. Preliminary surveys are first made to determine the requirements, after which the City Engineer prepares plans and specifications covering all materials entering into the railway construction, including rails, ties, spikes, bolts, tie rods and track special work. Also contracts are let for the electrical features, including trolley poles, trolley wire and feeder cables. It is also necessary to make definite determination as to the particular substation from which the electric power is to be obtained from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, which has the contract for all electric railways.

At times it has been necessary for the company to build entirely new stations specially to supply the railways as in the case of the Sunset Line, for which a new station of 3000 k. w. capacity is being built on Ninth Avenue near Judah Street. Cars must also be secured, requiring the award of contracts for street car trucks, motors, air brake equipment and the building of the bodies and the assembly of the parts.

It is highly important that the delivery of materials and the awarding of construction contracts be so timed that all the materials will be available when required and that the several construction contracts can be carried on without interference. It is also equally important that material and equipment should not be delivered until necessary, as then it must be stored and interest must be paid unnecessarily on the money invested.

THE rails which are used weigh 107 pounds per yard, or approximately a ton for each length. They are rolled in Ohio, whence they are shipped by rail to the Atlantic seaboard for transfer to vessels coming through the Panama Canal. The heavy castings which are used where the rails of two lines cross are called "special work." These usually have to be made especially for the location in which they are

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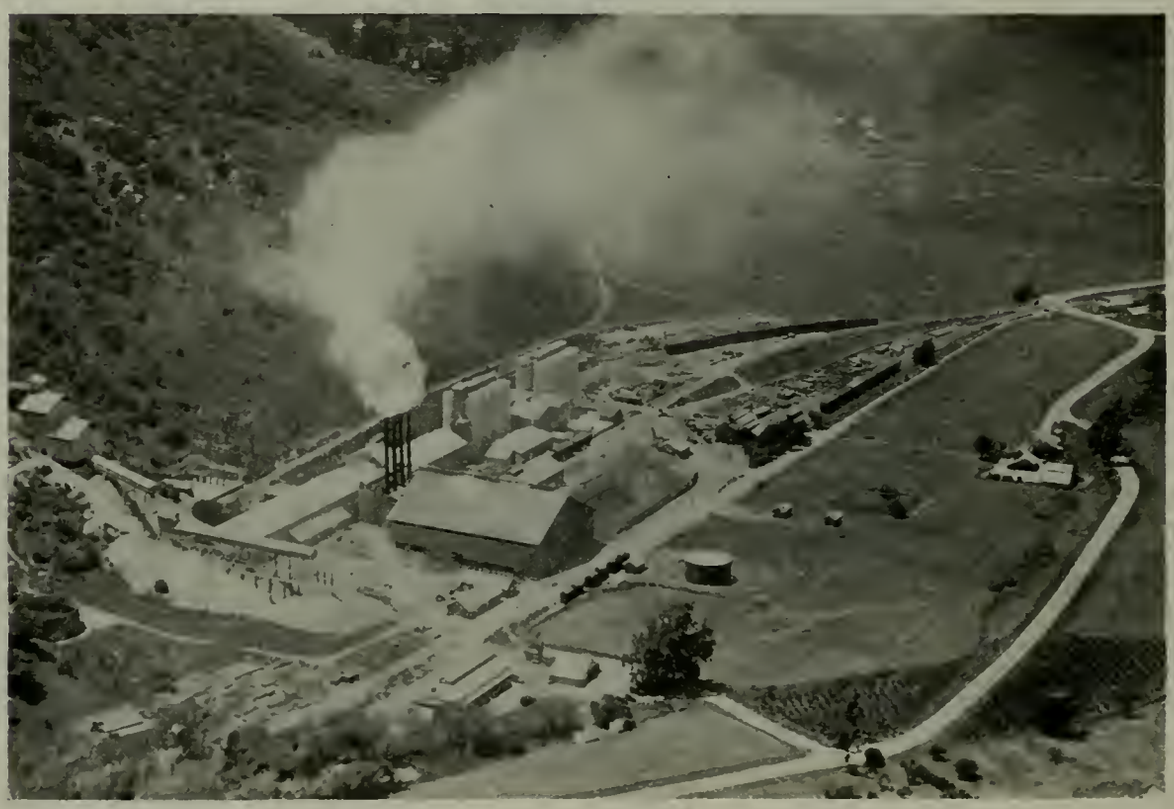
Pacific Portland Cement Company Products Used in Huge Projects



San Juan, San Benito County, California. Capacity 10,000 sacks OLD MISSION cement daily

THE PACIFIC PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY established its first plant at Cement, Solano County, California, in 1901. This first unit had a capacity of 8000 sacks per day—Golden Gate Portland Cement. The company has grown and developed with the industry, enlarging its scope of activities until it now has five great manufacturing plants, representing an investment of many millions of dollars.

The principal products manufactured by the company are Golden Gate Cement, Old Mission Cement, and Empire Plaster. These products have been selected for use in many of the most important structural and engineering projects on the Pacific Coast,

Redwood City, San Mateo County, California. Capacity 24,000 sacks GOLDEN GATE cement daily

Plaster City, Imperial County, California. Capacity 6,000 sacks EMPIRE plaster daily

to-wit: the great eighteen-mile bore through the Sierras for the Hetch Hetchy water supply, the Modesto and Turlock Irrigation District, the Merced Irrigation District, and the Oakland and Alameda tube, one of the outstanding engineering feats of modern times; the Russ Building in San Francisco, the tallest and largest office building west of Chicago, and many others too numerous to mention.

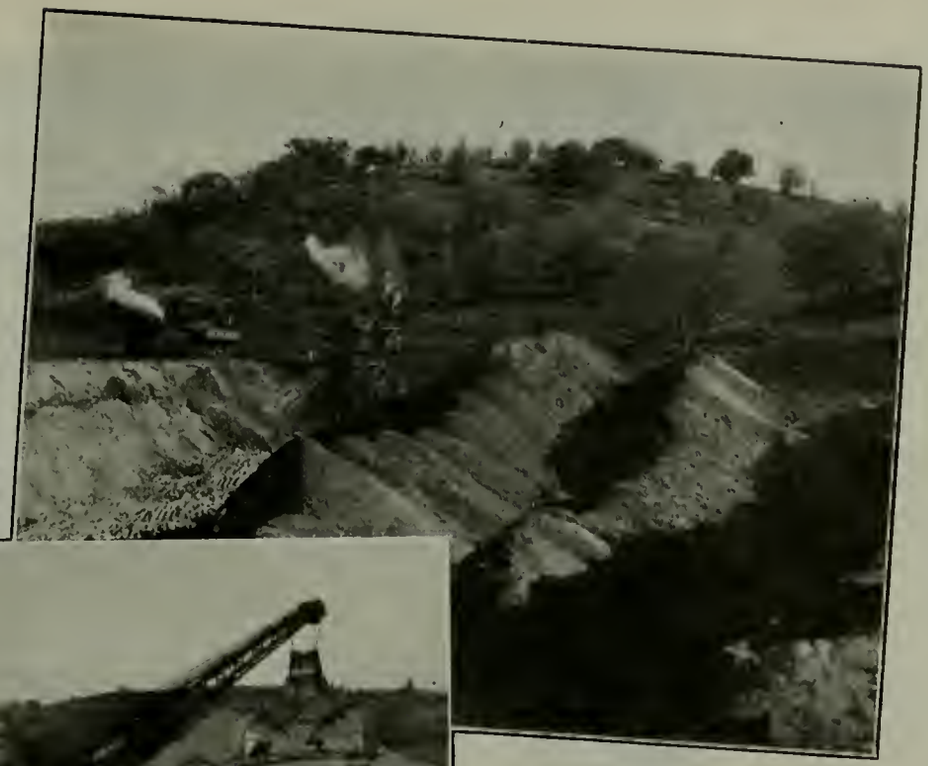
The company has kept step with all improvements in the industry, and its last cement mill, built at Redwood City, represents the last word in cement mill design and construction, as does its new plaster plant at Plaster City, California, recently completed. The company now has a daily capacity of 51,000 sacks of Portland Cement and 16,000 sacks of Empire Plaster.

Cement, Solano County, California. Capacity 17,000 sacks GOLDEN GATE cement daily

Its warehouses and branch offices, located at strategic points from Canada to Mexico enable the trade to obtain service at all times, and well established agencies are located in Mexico, Central America and the Hawaiian Islands.

Gerlach, Washoe County, Nevada. Capacity 10,000 sacks EMPIRE plaster daily

Gravel and Crushing Plant
Atlas Rock Company



Steam Shovel in Operation
Atlas Rock Company

Locomotive Crane, Atlas Rock Company

Atlas Rock Company

BUILDERS' BUILDING

47 No. Grant Street, Stockton, Cal.

The main office of the Atlas Rock Company is located in the Builders' Building. This company was established in March, 1923, and from the first, has prospered notably. They have a modern sand and gravel plant at Oakdale with a capacity of forty cars daily. Their shipping radius extends within a hundred miles of Stockton. They are continually adding to their equipment and increasing the quality of material to keep step with the higher specifications for concrete material that are being required. Their material is considered among the best that is produced in the state. They sell a great deal of their products to the county which is used in macadam road construction.

The Atlas Rock Company furnished all the sand and gravel for the Melones Dam, comprising five thousand car loads, two hundred thousand tons. This was the biggest contract of the kind that has been let in this section for many years. If this was delivered by one train it would be four miles long. They also furnished all the gravel for the Bank of Italy, the Medico-Dental Building, the new Auditorium, the concrete highway from Turner Station, through Manteca, to Stanislaus River Bridge which is considered one of the finest pieces of concrete construction in the state. On this highway, 90-day concrete compression tests went 6,800 pounds per square inch which is considered phenomenal and is due to the excellent construction work of J. F. Knapp, and the superior quality of Atlas materials. They furnished the material for the asphalt streets in Bungalow Park just completed, and for Pacific Avenue, completed last year.

Officers of this company are: Alexander C. McMillan, president; Alonzo W. Stone, secretary and treasurer and Fred R. Beerman, general manager.

Hetch Hetchy Power

By Paul J. Ost
Electrical Engineer

EVER since the project of bringing water from Hetch Hetchy has been under discussion it has always been planned to develop electricity as a by-product. The water is collected in reservoirs at elevations of from 3700 to 4700 feet above sea level, providing ample head to cause the water to flow to the city, yet leaving a wide margin for electric power generation.

The first power development was the construction of a small plant, using the water of the Cherry River, for the purpose of supplying electric energy for the Aqueduct Tunnel construction on the Mountain Division. An essential feature of this development is the Lake Eleanor Reservoir, with a capacity of 28,000 acre feet, which supplies water during the dry season.

In May, 1918, this power plant, known as the Early Intake plant, began sending power over more than thirty miles of 22,000 volt transmission line to every tunnel camp, to the big O'Shaughnessy dam, to the Groveland shops and later to the Priest Reservoir and Moccasin Creek. At each of these places it relieved the human workers of the heaviest tasks, which were taken over by machines of one kind or another. Even when the largest number of men were on the job, there was never a time when the motors at work could not supply at least five horsepower per man and usually more. This resulted in much more efficient work than was possible when working without power assistance. The dark tunnels and shafts in the bowels of the earth were brilliantly lighted, making not only for efficiency but for safety as well.

The poles carrying the power wires were all cut out of the Hetch Hetchy forests, as were the poles used for more than one hundred miles of telephone circuit.

THE World War was well under way when the Early Intake plant was started. This plant had a capacity of 4500 horsepower and at that time only about one-half of this amount of energy could be used on the work. The State Power Administrator ordered that all surplus power be disposed of to the Pacific Gas and Electric System to help relieve the existing shortage of power at the shipbuilding plants and elsewhere. The connection between the systems was made at the Priest Camp and has been maintained since, providing a cash revenue of over half a million dollars in addition to supplying all of the power needed in building the Mountain Division of the project.

The next step in electrical development was to construct the Moccasin Power House to utilize the energy available where the Hetch Hetchy water drops 1316 feet from the mountain tunnel to the Foothill Aqueduct. Mr. O'Shaughnessy saw in this project a wonderful opportunity to transfer some of the financial burden of the water project from the taxpayers to electric power development. The electricity generated at Moccasin serves the people of San Francisco in two ways. First, it does their manual work and makes life more comfortable; second, it relieves them of no small amount of tax burden which they would otherwise have to bear in carrying the bonds for the completed portions of the water project.

THE Moccasin plant supplies 100,000 horsepower from the 475 million gallons of water run through the plant each day. A small part of this energy is being used in driving the aqueduct tunnels through the foothills and through the Coast Range Mountains to bring Hetch Hetchy water into the city. The greater part of it, amounting to more than forty million killowatt hours per month, is sent over ninety-eight miles of double circuit transmission line to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Newark substation near the southern end of the Bay of San Francisco. From this point the company, under contract with the Board of Public Works, brings it to the city and distributes it to the users here. The quantity of energy consigned to the company is more than all that consumed in San Francisco if the Market Street Railways are excepted.

The annual revenue to the city from power distributed by the company is about two and one-third million dollars. This sum meets all operating expenses and fixed charges on the electrical part of the project and pays interest and bond redemption charges on the major portion of the water development not yet put into commission. Without the income from power generation all interest and redemption costs, together with other expenses incident to keeping up the completed part of the work, would have had to be met out of taxes.

City Engineer O'Shaughnessy is to be thanked for planning the work so as to make this saving possible.

The Moccasin plant and transmission line are thoroughly modern in every respect and in addition to being serviceable, are designed to be pleasing to the eye. So far the plant and transmission line have had a wonderful record for continuity of service, which speaks well not only for the men who designed and constructed them, but also for all of those concerned with their operation.

Bonsor a Benedict

WILLIAM T. BONSOR, business representative of the Office Employees' Union, and assistant city superintendent of streets, is no longer a bachelor. The news leaked out the first of this month that he was one of the principal actors at a double-wedding which took place February 18 at Aptos. Margaret G. Russell was the bride of the popular city official. At the same time Mrs. Bonsor's brother, Ludwig Graefe, became the husband of Mary Marguerite Bentley. The double wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Bonsor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Graefe.

Dominic Conniff, a member of the Fire Department since 1898, has been given a pension with the rank of Captain by the Fire Commission. The pension became effective March 1.

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A City's Arteries

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cisco will provide funds for the construction of San Francisco's section of the Bay Shore Boulevard connecting with the highway through San Mateo County. Commencing at Potrero Avenue and Army Street, thence southerly partly over existing streets which are to be straightened and widened, and partly over new rights of way which are being acquired, to the vicinity of San Bruno Avenue and Sunnydale Avenue at the county line, an approximate length of three miles, this new main heavy traffic outlet will be 125 feet in width, providing a 100-foot-wide paved roadway with 12½-foot walks on each side, over easy grades.

THE first contract for the construction and paving of a section of this road within the city was awarded on March 2 of this year.

In addition to providing this main traffic outlet, the recent bond issue will provide funds for the widening and straightening of Junipero Serra Boulevard, another main boulevard to the county line; for construction of the Alemany Boulevard along the old Ocean Shore railroad right of way connecting the Bay Shore Boulevard and Junipero Serra Boulevard; for the extension of Nineteenth Avenue across Sloat Boulevard southerly through Lake Merced lands to a connection with Junipero Serra Boulevard; for the purchase of lands for a scenic parkway and drive from Golden Gate Park through the Sunset district to Sloat Boulevard; for the extension of The Esplanade across the ocean frontage of Golden Gate Park; for the improvement of the Great Highway along the beach from Golden Gate Park southerly to Sloat Boulevard; and for the purchase of the necessary properties for the extension of Van Ness Avenue from its southerly termination to Howard and Thirteenth streets.

A previous bond issue authorized the issuance of bonds to provide funds for the improvement of Bernal Cut. The northerly end of this project is located at the junction of Dolores Street with San Jose Avenue at the intersection of Brook Street just south of Thirtieth Street. The southerly end is where San Jose Avenue and Diamond Street meet near Monterey Boulevard.

THE improvement will be approximately 4200 feet in length, and of a width of 117 feet 6 inches on the bottom, with slopes in the cut of 1¼ horizontal to 1 vertical. The bottom width will be apportioned as follows: an 8-foot sidewalk, a 42-foot vehicular roadway, a right of way for double tracks for the Municipal Railway, and a similar right of way for the Southern Pacific Company, with retaining walls of four feet high on either side at the bottom.

The railway rights of way will not be paved, but will be fenced off from the vehicular roadway. There will be a sidewalk six feet wide constructed on the top of the cut on either side.

It will be necessary to remove the existing bridges across the Cut, i.e., the Charles Street bridge and the Richland Avenue-Miguel Street bridge. The bridges removed will be replaced by reinforced concrete structures. A vehicular bridge will be placed at Highland Avenue and a bridge for pedestrians connecting Richland Avenue and Miguel Street.

It is estimated that this project will cost $1,400,000, of which $615,000 is estimated as the cost of the necessary properties, the balance being for improvement and engineering.

The Bernal Cut improvement has been before the engineering department of the city since before 1913 when, in granting a new franchise to the Southern Pacific Railway Company, it was stipulated that the city be granted a right of way through the existing Bernal Railway Cut. The necessary grading to accom-

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JOE PHILLIPS
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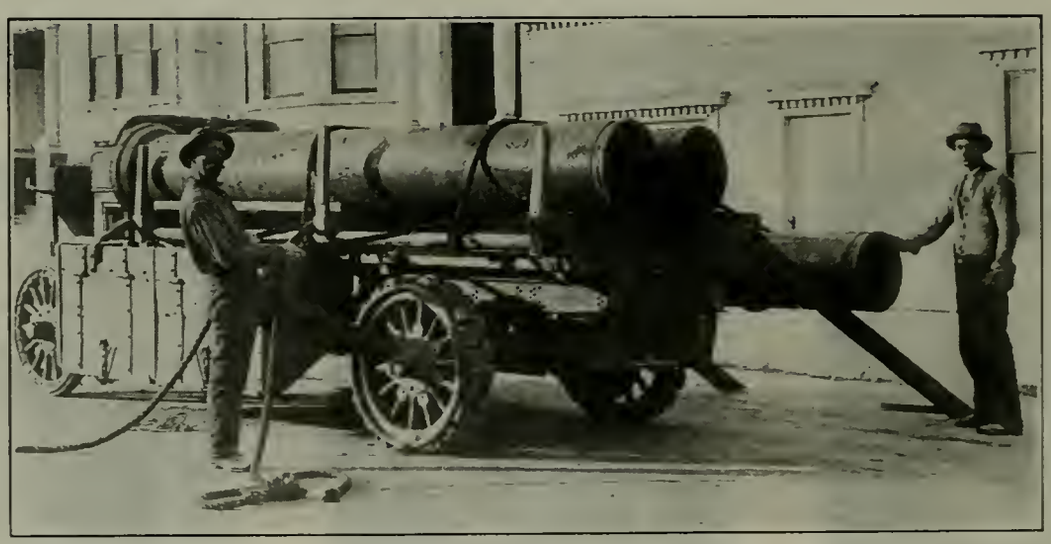

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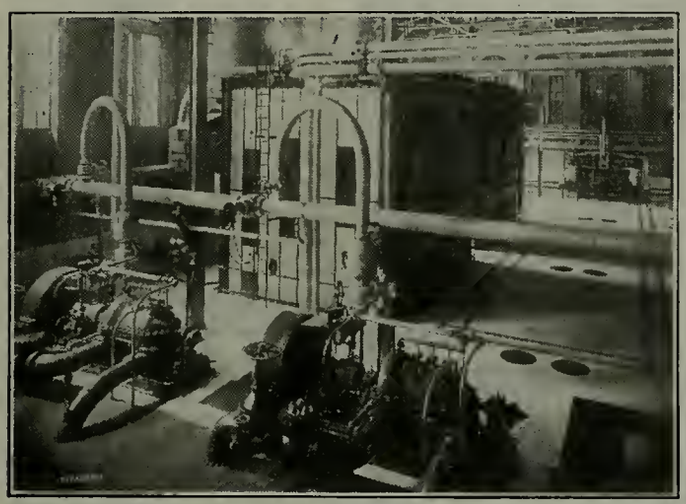
C. C. Moore & Co. Engineers

Contractors for High Pressure Fire System—Pumping Stations

THE firm of C. C. Moore & Co., Engineers, one of the oldest and best known on the Pacific Coast, is closely identified with San Francisco's high pressure fire fighting system. Following the disastrous conflagration of April, 1906, during which thousands were rendered homeless and approximately $325,000,-



Fire Pumping Station No. 1

Operating 2800 Horse Power of Babcock & Wilcox Boilers. Boilers and Pumping Equipment Installed by C. C. Moore & Co., Engineers

000.00 of property destroyed, the best engineering minds of the country were united to devise a system that would function and provide water for fire fighting purposes under all conceivable difficulties that might arise following a period of intense seismic disturbance with breaking of water mains and closing of sources of supply.

As an integral part of this system two pumping stations were built, Station No. 1 located at Second and Townsend Sts., and Station No. 2 on the U. S. Military Reservation at Fort Mason. These stations are several miles apart and located upon hard rock formation near the shore of San Francisco Bay.

C. C. Moore & Co. Engineers furnished the boilers and all auxiliary equipment for both stations and installed all mechanical equipment and appurtenances, including pumps, turbines, piping, etc. The boiler unit of Station No. 1 consists of eight 350 Horse Power Babcock & Wilcox Boilers. Station No. 2 operates six 450 Horse Power Stirling Boilers also manufactured by the Babcock & Wilcox Company. Auxiliary feed tanks contain a supply of fresh water sufficient to run the boilers for ninety-six hours.

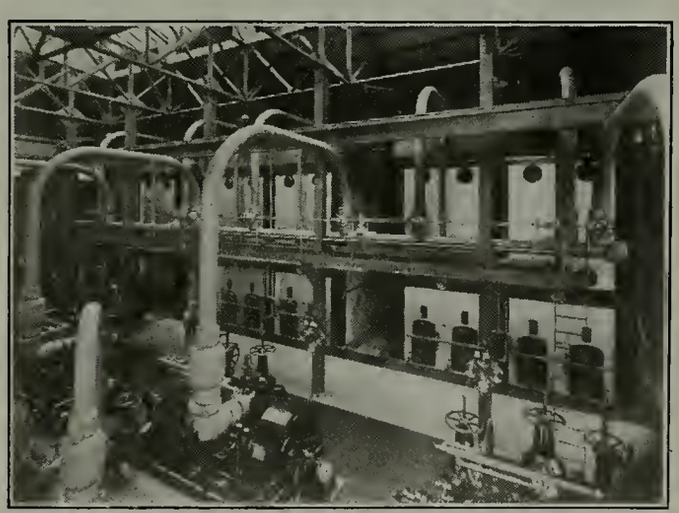
Both stations have a concrete duct connection with the Bay below low water level and are capable of supplying approximately 12,000 gallons per minute at a pressure of 305 pounds per square inch into the high pressure water mains.

Station No. 1 is maintained with one battery of boilers constantly under steam so that immediately upon receipt of an alarm the attendants are able to start one pump. The entire service can be put into operation within thirty minutes.

C. C. Moore & Co. Engineers is also closely connected with another important part of the high pressure fire fighting system, namely, the fire boats. There are two of these, each 120 ft. in length with 26 ft. beam and 11 ft. draft, the "David Scannel" and the "Daniel T. Sullivan." Each is equipped with Babcock & Wilcox water tube boilers furnished by the C. C. Moore Company and having an aggregate heating surface of 5400 square feet.

The boats are propelled by two 13 x 28 x 20 inch compound condensing engines and capable of a speed of 12 knots per hour.

The fire fighting equipment consists of three 3-inch monitor nozzles, two 2-inch monitor nozzles, and twenty 3½-inch hose connections. Each boat can de-

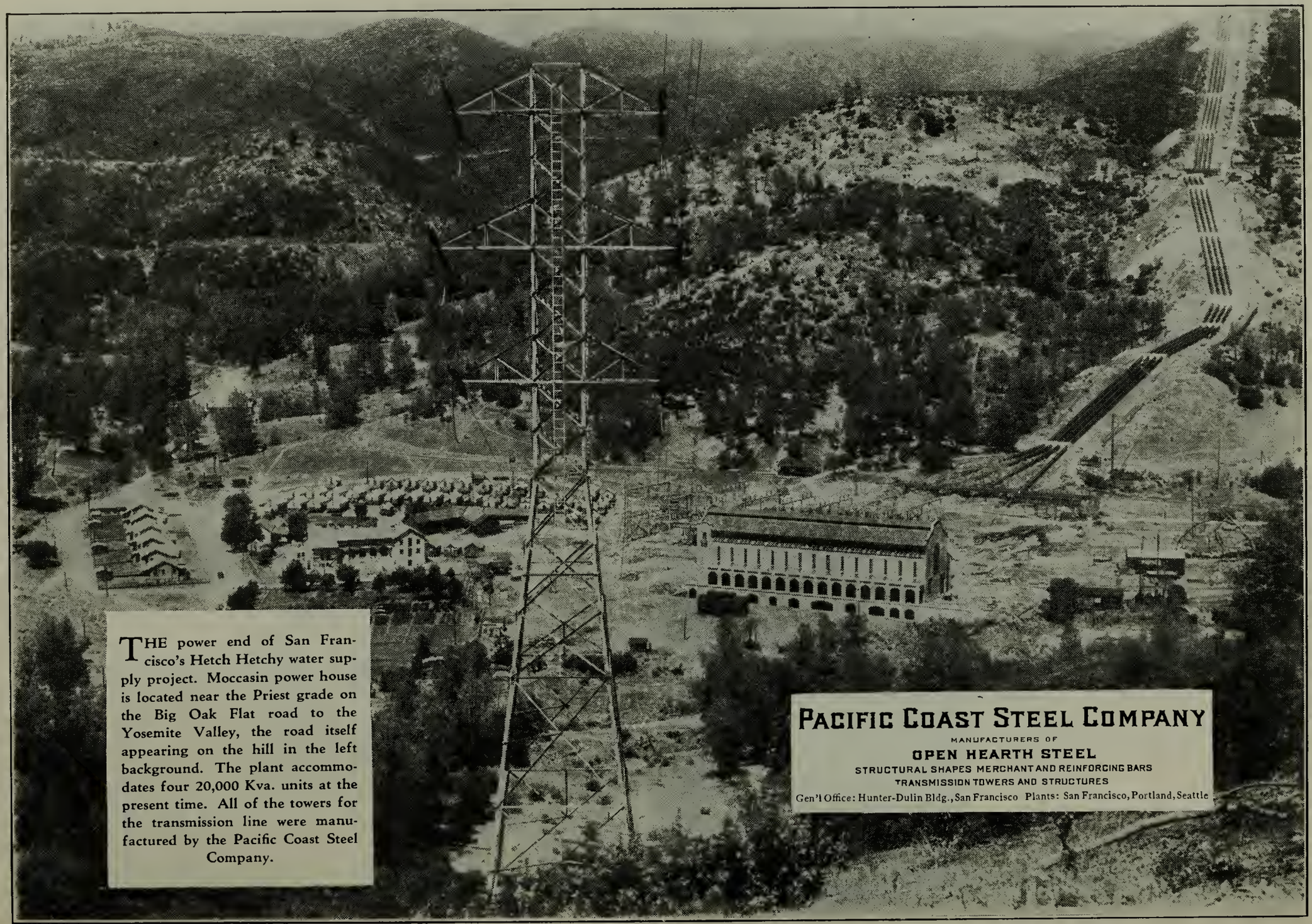


Fire Pumping Station No. 2

Operating 2700 Horse Power of Stirling Boilers. Boilers and Pumping Equipment Installed by C.C.Moore & Co.,Engineers

liver 9000 gallons per minute against a pressure of 150 pounds per square inch.

These boats may also serve as auxiliary pumping stations for the high pressure mains by means of various manifold connections at strategic points along the Bay shore.



THE power end of San Francisco's Hetch Hetchy water supply project. Moccasin power house is located near the Priest grade on the Big Oak Flat road to the Yosemite Valley, the road itself appearing on the hill in the left background. The plant accommodates four 20,000 Kva. units at the present time. All of the towers for the transmission line were manufactured by the Pacific Coast Steel Company.

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The Birth of Hetch Hetchy

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give the right to divert practically 400 cubic feet per second, or 250,000,000 gallons daily.

At the present time there is passing from the Tuolumne River to the Moccasin Power House 468 million gallons daily, or practically double the volume of water developed by Los Angeles,

On May 12, 1910, Secretary Ballinger requested the Secretary of War to appoint a Board of Army Engineers to act as an advisory board on the question. This board was appointed May 18, 1910, and the first hearings were held before the Secretary on May 25. The last hearings were held before Secretary of the Interior Fisher in Washington in November, 1912.

THE President appointed a Board of Engineers comprising Colonels Biddle, Cosby and Taylor, to review the whole subject de novo in 1910. The city, through City Attorney Long and City Engineer Manson, called into consultation Mr. John R. Freeman of Providence, Rhode Island, one of the greatest authorities on municipal water supply in the country, and acted as Chief Consulting Engineer on behalf of the city. Mr. Freeman worked assiduously for two years in preparing a magnificent brief or book on the subject, which was published by San Francisco the first day of September, 1912, the same date that I became City Engineer. Mr. Manson, my predecessor, had resigned and was broken in health from controversies and conflicts over engineering projects involved in the after-fire reconstruction of the city's streets, sewers and auxiliary high pressure system.

In November, 1912, city officials and engineers appeared before Secretary of the Interior Fisher, who was authorized to decide the problem at an exhaustive hearing consuming five days, held by him in the Interior Department in Washington. Mr. Freeman, the City Engineer, and numerous consulting engineers appeared to give evidence on behalf of the city, while the Spring Valley Water Company, Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts, the National Park authorities, and others persisted in their fight against the city's request. On the 19th of February, 1913, the Army Engineers who sat in on the testimony with Secretary Fisher made their report, endorsing San Francisco's request. It was their opinion that the use of Hetch Hetchy Valley as a reservoir site was necessary if the full flow of the upper Tuolumne was to be conserved. They further believed that there would be sufficient water, if adequately stored, and economically used, to supply both the reasonable demand of the bay communities and the reasonable needs of the Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts, for the remainder of this century.

The city authorities by this time had become profoundly tired of fooling with governmental authorities in Washington and resolved to go straight to Congress to procure an act which would be supreme in authority, to validate the construction program. Accordingly City Attorney Long, City Engineer O'Shaughnessy and Mr. John S. Dunnigan went to Washington and had hearings before the Committees on Public Lands, House of Representatives, Sixty-third Congress. The first hearing was June 25, 1913, and the last hearing September 24, 1913, which resulted in the Committee on Public Lands recommending to the House of Representatives to pass the so-called Raker Act, which received favorable action. It was finally approved by the Senate on December 13, 1913, and signed by President Wilson on December 20, after one of the most strenuous battles ever fought before the Senate in Washington.

THIS ended the major rounds of the legislative battles, and great credit is due to Clerk John S. Dunnigan, whose previous experience as a correspondent in Washington admirably equipped him to be of valuable assistance in procuring a favorable legislative enactment.

Great credit also is due to Mayor Rolph, who made several trips at his own expense to Washington, and to Percy V. Long, who was then City Attorney.

It took thirteen years from the date of the first application before the right to do any work was sanctioned. This is rather discriminatory treatment on the part of the government, as Los Angeles was helped by the Interior Department in obtaining data on water rights and its grant in Owens Valley. The

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The Chief at Hetch Hetchy with Engineer C. R. Rankin

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The Aircraft Age

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the best method of approach for landing. The entire outline of the landing area is marked by a row of boundary lights three hundred feet apart. At the runway approaches, the lights have green glass globes; all other lights of the border are white.

THE floodlight system used on most airports in the past has been largely an adaptation of lighthouse methods, and while satisfactory, the expense of initial installation and maintenance is prohibitive for the average airport. A smaller adaptation is used at Mills Field. Two eighteen-inch high intensity arc floodlights form the necessary field equipment. Each unit covers about fifty acres and with the two lights in operation, the field may be illuminated into a one hundred and sixty degree fan of light that gives 1,000,000 c. p. on the field. These lights act independently of each other and may be trained in any desirable direction.

We are fortunate at having our airport at sea-level elevation. The required length of take-off and landing increases with altitude. The plane requiring 1500 feet for a normal take-off from Mills Field, would require about 2700 feet at Cheyenne, Wyoming (6200 feet elevation). Runways have been laid out to facilitate the maximum take-off distance against prevailing winds.

At the present time there are three runways—5700 feet, 2800 feet and 1800 feet, with an auxiliary runway of 1200 feet. All are 200 feet wide and are graded with a fifteen-inch crown. They will be drained with tile backfilled to the surface with crushed rock. The runways have borne up well under the most adverse weather. The endurance flyers took off from the 5700-foot runway during their recent attempts to break the world's record. Lieutenant Pond, after one attempt, stated that "he didn't believe he could take off from any other field in the United States under similar weather conditions." It is interesting to note that these flyers made four successful take-offs with an eight-ton load, the heaviest useful load ever carried by a plane.

The building layout is of fortunate situation. The building group is readily accessible from the Bay Shore Highway and so located that the path of dust and wind blown from planes is away from the buildings. The Administration Building contains a meteorological room, office, waiting room, hospital, radio room, cafe, air-mail office and quarters for the superintendent. All are completely furnished.

Hangar No. 1 has 10,000 square feet of floor area and is sufficient to accommodate ten normal sized planes. Hangar No. 2 provides 31,000 square feet of floor area and is a result of studies to overcome the present practice of barn type construction with attendant dead area in the middle portion. Many answers received to inquiries sent to the leading fields of this country resulted in the selection of a motor-operated rolling slat door. Through this installation, it is hoped that ready ingress and egress of planes will be obtained.

The building program for the coming year calls for the construction of other hangars, a machine shop, gasoline station, and a complete drainage system.

Undoubtedly time will require the provision of an airship mooring mast. The airship and the airplane are the complement of each other. The former will carry out the long non-stop flights between world junctions, while the airplane will operate the feeder services radiating to and from these junctions.

Field development and improvements have cost to date about $200,000. One hundred and fifty acres have been improved and it is expected to develop up to one thousand acres in the future.

Every indication points to the conclusion that air transportation, which has been floundering in a morass of uncertainty, has established itself on firm soil and will in the future make strong and steady growth. It is no longer the dangerous and haphazard thing that many regard it. Air transportation has come to take its place in the scheme of evolution which is unfolding so rapidly—aided by modern science.

"Put up the bird house and the birds are sure to come," is an old adage that this municipality is heeding. As the mariner avoids rocky shoals and the autoist bad roads, so the airman avoids the city without a suitable airport.

Department of Electricity

By JOSEPH MURPHY

ON THE evening of Washington's Birthday some of the boys went out to Harold Gerber's house to have a little game. Incidentally, they are all radio fans, especially our friend, Joe De Vecmon. Joe was very much interested in Harold's wonderful set. He heard some broadcasting from China and intends getting a similar set.

Another item on the Q. T. Nick Siggins, who would sooner do a good turn for a friend than eat, was appointed announcer for the Radio Corporation of China. He left on Washington's Birthday to accept the post. It was a limited engagement and was quite successful.

C. F. Regan, clerk in this Department, is in the hospital with scarlet fever.

E. F. Henzel, our Chief Inspector, retires on November 1, this year. He says he has 21,500,000 seconds to go. Of course, by the time this comes from the press he will have reduced the time by a few thousand seconds. The boys are going to give him a banquet at that time.

Echoes from the shop indicate that the boys are training for the baseball pennant at the next picnic?

NEW YORK ENGINEERS COMING

Chief Engineer Arthur S. Tuttle of New York has advised City Engineer O'Shaughnessy that he will head a party of New York officials due in San Francisco this month to inspect municipal projects.

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ders of the taxpayers the entire interest charges on $40,000,000 of bonds. Simultaneously, he recommended that valuations be made of the existing distributing systems in San Francisco, so that when the people so desire they would be in a position to acquire these distributing systems for the purpose of publicly distributing power in San Francisco.

THE logical growth and development of a community depends in no small degree upon the transportation facilities within its confines. People will not build homes in districts which are without convenient transportation facilities for reaching the business and commercial centers. San Francisco, on account of its hills and topography, presents many unique problems in railway transportation. The first cable road in the world was built in San Francisco to solve the problem of running street cars over our steep hills.

Up to December 28, 1912, the street railway transportation was handled entirely by private companies. The Charter, which went into effect in 1900, put severe restrictions on further construction of street railways by private enterprise. As a consequence, there was very little railway development from 1900 to 1912.

On December 28, 1912, the first car of the Municipal Railway System was driven over the newly completed Geary Street line, between Geary Street and Thirty-third Avenue, Mayor Rolph acting as motorman. Thomas A. Cashin was the first superintendent.

Confronted with the problem of providing street railway transportation to the site of the proposed Panama-Pacific Exposition in the locality now known as the Marina District, the City Engineer prepared a comprehensive report on the subject, and on the basis of this report a bond issue of $3,500,000 was voted on August 26, 1913. Within less than four months, on the expiration of its franchise, the Presidio-Ferries Railroad Company, known as the Union Street Line, was taken over by the Municipal Railway, and on August 15, 1914, less than one year after the bond election, the Van Ness Avenue line, from Market Street to the Exposition, was placed in service.

This was followed in rapid succession by the Potrero Avenue line, the Stockton Street-Columbus Avenue and North Point line, and the "C" line, so that the job, which officials of the Exposition and the Market Street Railway declared to be impossible, was successfully completed in time to provide transportation to the Exposition.

The construction of the Church Street line, a part of the bond issue program, was delayed by what has been termed "the Bloody Fight on Battle Mountain." The final link of this line, however, was completed on June 28, 1915. Extensions have been made to the system from time to time out of the earnings of the railway, so that today we have 74.12 miles of single track.

The Municipal Railway represents an investment of $8,637,000, of which $5,520,000 was provided for by two bond issues. The balance has been provided from the surplus earnings of the road. The Municipal Railway has been continuously operated on a five-cent fare and out of its earnings, besides providing $3,117,000 for these new extensions and equipment, it has paid interest on all outstanding bonds and has redeemed $2,225,000 of bonds, a very remarkable showing in the light of the experience of street railway transportation in other cities.

The construction of the so-called Exposition railway extensions was carried out in record time and within the estimates of cost. This was possible because during this period of time in connection with this project the Engineer's office had the full co-operation of every department of the city government, in order that service might be provided for the Exposition on time.

With the approaching expiration of the Market

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The site of a new industrial section at Islais Creek, for the reclamation of which by the City proceedings are now under way.
—Airplane view by George E. Russell

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The Department of Design

By W. H. OHMEN
Engineer in Charge of Design

THE public, in recent bond elections, has evidenced a desire to improve the city plan, as shown by the success of the Bernal Cut and the bond issue of $9,380,000 for improving the Bay Shore Highway, Alemany Boulevard, Junipero Serra Boulevard, Nineteenth Avenue extension, Parkway between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh avenues, and the Ocean Beach Esplanade.

W. H. OHMEN

During the past year one of the projects undertaken was the installation and equipment of a complete airport known as Mills Field, covering 150 acres, fully equipped with runways, water supply, lighting, meteorological station, administration building, and hangars, involving an expenture of approximately $200,000.

All of the $5,000,000 Auxiliary Fire Protection System involving seventy-three miles of pipes has been completed under the auspices of the City Engineer's office. During the past year an addition has been made to the system to cover the slaughter-house district along Islais Creek. This work included two miles of twelve-inch cast iron pipe line, together with all appurtenances, at an approximate cost of $45,000.

Plans for the improvement of Bernal Cut call for an excavation 4200 feet long, consisting of a level cutting 117 feet in width with sloping sides. This will be adequate for two tracks of the Southern Pacific Company on the west side, two tracks of the Municipal Railway in the center, and a forty-two-foot highway with sidewalks. This work should be finished within the next sixteen months at a cost of $1,400,000. It took over $600,000 to buy the real estate and rights-of-way, including the land for right-of-way and slopes.

THE city is gradually getting all the street crossings signed up with permanent signs. The last contract amounted to $9000 for 600 new signs, making a total of 4000 signs erected to date.

The boulevard program now under way and provided for in the $9,380,000 bond issue involves a length of sixteen miles of major boulevards, none less than 100 feet in width. Plans and specifications have been already prepared for a great portion of this work. Four important units—concrete esplanade fronting Golden Gate Park, paving of Great Highway southerly, acquisition of lands between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh avenues, Alemany Boulevard between Mission Viaduct and Ocean Avenue and the Bay Shore Highway between Silver Avenue and Paul Avenue, will be under actual construction within the next sixty days.

Various auxiliary avenues and boulevards are also being considered, including widening Portola Drive to 100 feet, from Twenty-fourth Street to Laguna Honda Boulevard, a distance of 4000 feet at a cost of $200,000; Silver Avenue easterly from San Bruno Road, has been widened to 60 feet for a length of 3300 feet, the lands alone costing $55,000; Corbett Avenue straightened, widened to fifty feet and paved from Clayton Street to Twenty-fourth Street, a distance of 3800 feet, representing an expenditure of $100,000.

Sewer developments during the fiscal year approximate 6000 feet of reinforced concrete sewer, representing an expenditure of $200,000.

Special improvements of local zones, such as Golden Gate Heights grading and bulkheading, involving an expenditure of $450,000 by the property owners, have just been completed.

Smaller neighborhood zone improvement in the neighborhood of Telegraph Hill and Liberty and Twentieth streets, with a number of minor layouts, have also been undertaken.

The Purchasing Department

By SISTER SUSIE

THE California State, County and Municipal Purchasing Agents' Association will hold its annual convention at the Hotel Whitcomb, March 15, 16 and 17. Leonard S. Leavy, our Purchaser of Supplies, will preside. This is Mr. Leavy's second term as president of the Association. The members are from all parts of the state of California, and the meetings promise to be very interesting and beneficial to the purchasers as well as the laymen who have the opportunity to attend.

Bids were taken in February for canned fruits and vegetables, foodstuffs (including bread, potatoes, meat and groceries) and contracts are now being awarded to the best bids.

Speaking of best bids makes me think of best bidders. Dan P. Maher, our genial paint vendor, who is often the "best bidder" on city contracts, is wearing a very happy smile, smiling on everyone, in fact. His best bid last month was on the twenty-second of February. One more little George Washington, and that George Washington Maher.

As this goes to print, we note: Bubbles McKenna is an equestrienne. You just can't stop that girl. Also, Dan, our own Dan Flanagan, has developed a hair lip.

RAILWAY SURVEY BEGUN

City Engineer O'Shaughnessy has begun a survey of the properties of the California Street Cable Railroad and the Market Street Railway for the Board of Supervisors. Franchises of the two companies begin to expire in 1929.

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By J. L. Slater, Jr.

ANDY GARBARINO was off from work for a few days as one of his boys was very ill with pneumonia. He has passed the crisis, however, and once again Andy's face is wreathed in smiles.

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Ivan Flamm and party have been checking the monument lines in Ocean View Park tract for the Alemany boulevard. Ivan was sent out to get the necessary information so that property owners could be notified of the exact amount of land the city must acquire to complete the crosstown boulevard. Uncle George Purser has been doing the major share of the calculating in the above district.

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The life of a commuter is not a bed of roses as McCarthy will tell you. Although a resident of this city, Rajah spends considerable time in Oakland and vicinity and no one is able to find out why. Perhaps we will know in June, eh Mac?

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Charlie Muller wants to work in the office where he thinks he will get ahead quicker than in the field. The trouble is no one wants to trade an office job for a field "position."

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Frank O'Shaughnessy has been away from work for quite some time. He is reported regaining his health at this writing. Hiden has been taking his place in Garen's survey party.

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Steve Jarrett is doing a hop, skip and a jump these days. His inspection jobs are short and rarely last more than two days. First, he's in Richmond, then the Potrero, then upon Telegraph Hill. Steve says one of these days he will land a good long job and when he does, he'll pitch his tent right on the work.

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Miller is quite undecided of late. Being a conservative sort of fellow, Howard does not jump at conclusions. The office force is divided on the outcome. Some say he will soon become a candy baron; others say the stock and bond game will ensnare him.

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Field Assistant Brook, who was recently appointed to the position, is now a member of our local, thereby keeping the Field Assistants one hundred per cent organized. The boys are quite proud of that one hundred per cent stuff.

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John Hanson is in charge of the office work on the new Esplanade project at the ocean beach.

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I. J. Ohman was on the sick list recently and the boys in the little ward missed Pop's rotund figure in its accustomed place.

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Rumors have been flying about regarding Manelli's coming marriage. Caesar will not commit himself but the three-day publication law for licenses will take care of that end of it.

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Surveyor Coughlan has been placing monuments along Roosevelt Way. From the looks of Sig Carlson's hands the ground must be hard. Granite monuments three feet long seem short for that district. Why not use five footers, Jerry? We don't have to dig the holes, y'know.

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After many hours spent in diligent research work, Purser finally intersected two cones. George is the descriptive geometry wiz and he says plate B will even eclipse his previous effort, as it will include the fifth dimension, Einstein having missed one dimension in his late calculations.

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Being quiet youngsters, you don't hear much of Ed Bourke, Reinfeld, Ronan and Schlappi, but they are on the job just the same, doing the draughting for street work.

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During the Lincoln's birthday weekend, Local 11 was represented in Yosemite Valley by Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Walker and your correspondent, accompanied by his wife.

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Ben Baird always has a cheery good morning for the boys as he enters the draughting room. Maybe the early morning walk from the Richmond district is the cause of it. Ben is getting to be a regular Edward Payson Weston.

Five Firemen Honored

FIVE members of the Fire Department were rewarded for bravery at the meeting of the Fire Commission February 27.

Lieutenant Daniel Desmond was given a gold medal for saving the life of Mrs. O. H. Neibel in the St. Dominic apartment fire of January 31. Lieutenant Desmond was under the care of a physician and two nurses for a month.

Assistant Chiefs A. J. Sullivan and Martin Kearns and Operative Charles J. Dougherty were given awards for meritorious conduct in the same fire, where they saved the lives of two girls stranded on a balcony.

Lieutenant Theodore Sutter won a recognition award for attempting to save life of Fred Major, nine years old, who was drowned in a pool at Third and Army streets. The coroner's jury commended Lieutenant Sutter for his bravery and a special letter of commendation was sent him by Coroner T. B. W. Leland.

Supt. Gwinn Honors Lindy's Mother

SUPERINTENDENT of Schools Joseph Marr Gwinn, in Boston to attend a meeting of the National Education Association, presented Mrs. Evaline Lodge Lindbergh, mother of "Lindy," with a certificate of life membership in the association. The presentation was made March 1 at a meeting attended by more than 6500 educators from all parts of the world. A gold medal emblematic of the certificate also was presented. Superintendent Gwinn is president of the department of superintendency of the association.

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The Legal Side of Engineering

By JOHN J. DAILEY
Special Assistant City Attorney

FUTURE generations will see and appreciate much of the wonderful engineering work done by M. M. O'Shaughnessy and his corps of able assistant engineers. Centuries will pass and still the great O'Shaughnessy dam will stand astride the Tuolumne River at the lower end of Hetch Hetchy Valley, holding back the waters from the melting Sierra snows. Tunnels bored through granite mountains will continue to function silently. We see around us on every side magnificent roads and boulevards, well laid out streets, beautiful public buildings, parks and playgrounds that might well be the envy of any city. These are some of the living monuments of engineering accomplishments.

JOHN J. O'TOOLE

Hidden away in musty records carefully locked in vaults, spread upon the records of our courts, buried in the Congressional records in Washington, and in the records of other governmental departments, may be found by the few who will ever make search for it, evidence of the work of the city's legal department which of necessity must keep even pace with construction in the building of a city. Before great municipal projects are constructed the way is prepared and safeguarded by the legal department.

Bond issues are prepared and submitted to the people; lands and rights of way must be acquired; condemnation suits must be pressed to trial against owners who are not willing to accept a reasonable price for their property when it is required for the public use; actions to enjoin the city from proceeding must be defended against those who feel their private interests are being jeopardized by the city's adopted program; legal advice is furnished at all stages, contracts drawn and ordinances prepared so the city's plans may move forward smoothly.

San Francisco's legal department fought many strenuous battles in the past. Notable among them was the long fight waged in Congress before we obtained the Hetch Hetchy grant; also the litigation with the local street railway company, which ended in the Supreme Court of the United States, over the right of the city to build and extend its municipal railway system.

We are at present engaged in another legal struggle with large corporate interests which are seeking to prevent the city from carrying out its pledge to the Congress of the United States ultimately to distribute our own electric energy to our own people.

Other problems involving intricate legal questions of the first magnitude are immediately ahead of us. Plans must be formulated and carried out for taking over the street railways now operated by a private company whose franchises are about to expire. The distribution system of the Spring Valley Water Company must be acquired. The question of how we are to distribute our own electric energy must be solved. We are fighting for the right to build great bridges across the bay. The proper solution of all these problems calls for legal guidance and direction of the highest order.

City Attorney John J. O'Toole is an able lawyer and a conscientious public official. On his staff are a number of lawyers well trained in municipal law and procedure. The close tie between the engineering department and the legal department of the city can never be severed.

The Teachers' Association

THE regular semi-annual meeting of the association was held at the Part Time High School on February 16 in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of the Governing Council. The meeting canvassed returns of the election of February 10 showing the following results: President, Joseph P. Nourse 1322, Kathryn Cooney Sproul 1266; vice-president, Nellie Sullivan 1222, Edgar S. Anderson 1157; secretary, Frances A. C. Mooney 1277, Anna B. Haigh 1102; treasurer, Miriam Eisner 1219, Mildred V. Goldsmith 1150.

After spirited debate the meeting decided to call a second election of principals for representation on the governing council for the present year. At the first election only twelve candidates were voted upon, whereas, under the rules of the association, thirteen may be elected. Representation is on the basis of one principal for each 200 teachers in the city's schools, and there are now 2,700 teachers on the payroll.

Retiring president John F. Brady reviewed the achievements of his three-year administration and appealed to the teachers to give full support to the incoming president, Major Nourse.

A rising vote of appreciation was given the outgoing officers, Mr. Brady, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom and Mrs. Mabel A. Sykes.

The meeting adjourned out of respect to the memory of the following who have passed on since the last semi-annual meeting: Fred C. Miller, Francisco Junior High School; Martha H. Poppe, Marshall; Elizabeth Venard, Teacher of Salesmanship; J. A. Winchester, Part Time High; Isabel F. Maris, Francisco; Margaret H. Gates, Winfield Scott; Florence Fagan, Francisco; Edith Zienbruck, Pacific Heights.

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Auditing for Hetch Hetchy

THE construction of Hetch Hetchy was the first enterprise of any magnitude engaged in by the municipality outside of the city boundaries and there were necessarily evolved new agencies and channels for the keeping of accounts and the checking and approval of vouchers for vast sums.

THOMAS F. BOYLE

Many protests were received by the Auditor against the payment of claims and, indeed, at the outset, the initial protest over the purchase of Lake Eleanor constituted a positive menace to the entire undertaking. In this, a group of protestants made such presentments against the payment of the purchase price of $1,600,000 that in the acquisition of authoritative legal opinion it became imperative for the Auditor to hold up this important transaction for approximately six months. At the end of this period, in the satisfactory adjustment, it fell to him to audit the largest single warrant ever signed in the history of the municipality, $1,600,000.

That the protestants were in some instances merely actuated to promote a situation which might result in their personal gain by being bought off in their opposition, seemed a rational explanation of their attitude. That the great work was in reality possessed of potentials of enormous advantage to the municipality has already been demonstrated in the great sums thus far received from sales of power to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company. These have reached from July 1, 1925, the date of inception of sale, up to January 31, 1928, a total of $5,549,792.41, all of which has been saved to the taxpayers, the aggregate of the yearly revenues being about eight per cent of the Hetch Hetchy cost (about $26,000,000) allocated to power plants.

Also, some curious and interesting situations have arisen, bringing into the lime-light peculiarities of legal responsibilities not previously met with in the Auditor's official life. One of these bore upon claims for oil furnished for locomotives and machinery employed in the prosecution of the work, and another upon the hauling and the supply of feed for the horses and mules so engaged. In a ruling of the Supreme Court, it was held in effect that while a mechanic's lien may properly apply to any material entering into the development of a structure, it cannot so apply to supplies furnished to render the machinery or equipment capable of carrying on the work of construction.

The beginning of Hetch Hetchy dates back to January 1, 1909, the bond issue for $600,000 for preliminary work. This was followed by the bond issue of July 1, 1910, for $45,000,000, and the bond issue of 1925 for $10,000,000.

The bonds of 1909 have all been redeemed, the last bonds having been paid in 1915. The 1910 bonds redeem in the amount of $1,000,000 per year. The city has paid off $7,000,000 of this issue. The last $1,000,000 is due to be redeemed July 1, 1964.

The entire amount of 1909 and 1910 issues has been expended. The available cash balance of Hetch Hetchy Water Bond Fund of 1925 amounts to $1,731,492.67. This is fully encumbered by outstanding contracts and purchase orders. The unsold bonds of the 1925 issue, amounting to $2,600,000.00, are to be offered for sale in the near future. This amount has been predicated for work on tunnels.

The Treasurer Helps

IN connection with the initiation, development and construction of the many big projects carried on by the Department of Public Works and the City Engineer's Office, we should mention the co-operation of other important departments of the City Government.

JOHN H. THIELER

John H. Thieler, City Treasurer, has been helpful in facilitating the use of initial funds, making advances in emergency cases where proper and safe, as for instance, Duboce Tunnel, Bernal Cut, and the new Boulevard Projects.

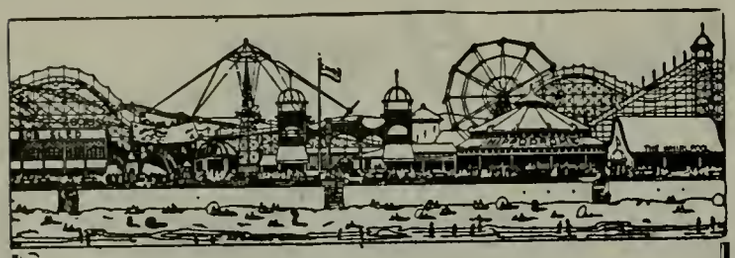
Again, the Treasurer has the authority and responsibility of making investments from Bond Construction Funds, where surplus balances exist and is continually in the market looking for attractive short term bond buys, resulting in good interest being earned on temporarily idle construction funds.

Covering a period of several years, an amount equal to $2,682,371.00 was earned on the so-called Hetch Hetchy Investment Fund—the $45,000.00, 4½ per cent Water Issue of 1910.

The Treasurer is empowered by State laws and City ordinances to make such investments, and under the latter head come the Municipal Railway Funds, surplus balances being put to investment purposes.

On Saturday, February 11, Walter Belding, Jr., son of the Superintendent of Playground and Restaurants, reached his eighteenth birthday. In honor of the occasion, his mother, five boys from his class and six young ladies contrived to appear suddenly on Saturday evening, and there followed feasting, music and dancing. Mrs. Belding set a very pretty table with the class colors of blue and red as the color scheme with a sprinkling of valentines. The party was given in one of the dining rooms of the Children's Playground. Young Belding is a senior at St. Ignatius High.

"Director of the Municipal Water Works" is the new and up-to-date title hung upon the heavyweight champion of the Board of Public Works, William Hamilton. William and his corps of assistants are busily engaged in securing new customers in order to increase profits and thereby increase their salaries, which they claim are less than par in this automobile age.



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Of Interest to Women

By ANITA DAY HUBBARD

MARCH, and the mad hares, and spring exhibits of art and fashions, and that funny feeling between terrific activity and pure laziness that is known as "spring fever." My, the year does roll around! Even with an extra day in February this year, there doesn't seem time enough for half the things one wants to see.

At the Beaux Arts gallery, Hamilton Wolf of the University of California faculty will have a showing of oils from March 6 to March 20. A three-man show, given by the stalwart sons of John Galen Howard, the famous architect, will hold the walls from March 21 to April 5. The three, Robert Boardman Howard, Charles Houghton Howard and Robert Langley Howard, are a talented lot, and their offering includes wood carving, water colors and pastels. A collection of water colors by Charles Pepper of Boston will follow the Howards.

At the East-West gallery, Chiura Obata, a California-Japanese artist, after thirty years of work, will show a collection of water colors on silk and oriental paper. Obata will give a series of lectures on Japanese art, in English, of course, on March 8, 15 and 22, in the evenings, at the Women's Club building, which houses the East-West gallery. The Japanese work will be particularly interesting in view of the Chiang exhibition of Chinese ancient art that has just left the gallery for Los Angeles.

Another international note will be struck with the showing of the work of Gjura Stojana, Serbian artist, at the California School of Fine Arts, from March 5 to 17. Stojana is a modernist, and derives his carved panels, drawings and decorations from sources in the South Seas, the Orient, and from his own theories of algebraic ornament, in still, rapid and slow motion. The fiftieth annual exhibit of the San Francisco Art Association will be held some time soon, though just where and when has not been exactly determined.

NOW that art is given its proper weight, can't we talk about gardens a little? Whose hand is there that does not itch for a spade and a plot of good brown earth? Even if one has to garden in a window box, it can be done beautifully. If you have a back yard, or an estate or a flower pot on a stand, this is the time to putter with it. The California gardens are so satisfying about blooming all the year around, if the gardener has planted in the right succession. It is an excellent idea to plan out the year carefully in advance, with an eye to blooming period, color and growing habits. The haphazard garden is lovely, of course, just as all flowers are lovely, but the planned garden, with the riot of color arranged, perhaps with seeming carelessness, but nevertheless arranged, is much more of a satisfaction.

Give a thought to the color scheme of your house, in planting your annuals. Cut flowers within doors are cheery, and almost necessary to the modern interiors, but they should be of suitable nature to harmonize with the furnishings in color at least. And of course, in planning your garden this spring, remember that the dahlia is the official flower of our beloved city, and that every garden should carry at least one brilliant clump during August and September, if only in recognition.

"The Shamrock Song"

O THE red rose may be fair,
And the lily statelier;
But my Shamrock, one in three
Takes the very heart of me!

Irish hills, grey as the dove,
Know the little plant I love;
Warm and fair it mantles them
Stretching down from throat to hem.

And it laughs o'er many a vale,
Sheltered safe from storm and gale;
Sky and sun and stars thereof
Love the gentle plant I love.

Soft it clothes the ruined floor
Of many an abbey, grey and hoar,
And the still home of the dead
With its green is carpeted.

O, the red rose shineth rare,
And the lily saintly fair;
But my shamrock, one in three,
Takes the inmost heart of me!

—Katharine Tynan
in "The Magic Carpet"

AND now, to the real subject-matter of the page. That spring outfit! What shape, material and color shall it take on? Chiffon or tweed, wool or silk, or (with the charming new piques) even cotton? Shall one be smartly somber in black, or alluringly feminine in pastel shades? Good grief, what a problem, and the shops so seductive and all. Far be it from me to do more than point a few paths. You will have to choose the road yourself, after all.

First, it is well to consider how you spend most of your time. If it is work, then buy a good-looking working outfit first, that you can be charming in regardless of what you do for a living. House dress, or office smock, or whatever it is, let it be in good taste, comfortable and adequate. Then whatever you do most for recreation, dress carefully in that rôle. Don't buy an outdoor sports frock if you like to play bridge better than golf, nor put all your substance into dancing frocks if you dance but seldom. There is a certain delight in having a dress so beautiful that just the owning of it is a privilege, but few of us can afford that particular kind of amusement. It is better to adjust your wardrobe to yourself and your particular needs, rather than to try to change your habits to fit an indiscreet purchase.

And do remember our summer climate, that charming compound of cool mornings and evenings, and a warm midday. Don't let your taste for chiffon extend to flimsy street clothes, and remember that light-colored sport silks are more for country than for town. And above all remember that one color is better than two and two better than three, and more than three beyond the pale of good taste. Make your costume an ensemble in color and mood, from hat to shoes, even though you fear monotony. One well-organized outfit is better than the pieces of three or four. And with a little ingenuity, "everything" will match and acces-

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Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

THE seating capacity of Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate Park is to be enlarged at once to 60,000. This has finally been agreed upon through the intervention of the Park Commission with the Board of Supervisors and the acquiescence of the advocates of other stadium sites in the construction of Kezar's addition first. The Mayor urged this improvement and asked those favoring other locations for large athletic bowls to defer these undertakings on account of the immediate need of a large stadium and the fact that any other location would require a much longer time for completion of the work.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, resolved to include in the 1928-1929 budget an item of $250,000 for this work. Architects and engineers are now engaged in making up the detailed plans and specifications and it is intended to have the enlarged stadium completed by September. Kezar will then be a candidate for the largest games, including the Army-Navy football game and the Shriners' East-West game. It is anticipated that the enlarged seating capacity will automatically increase the attendance.

PLANTING operations are going on in John McLaren Park in the Mission district, where the city has already acquired more than a hundred acres of land, comprising the first units of what is to be a park of between five and six hundred acres. Peter Rock, in charge of the nursery, is being kept very busy supplying the trees and shrubs for this work, as well as for similar operations in other parks, under the direction of Superintendent McLaren.

The California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association continues to enlarge its plans for the Shakespeare Garden in Golden Gate Park, near the Academy of Sciences building. A threshold stone, a sun dial, and a fountain are to be installed at the site. It is expected that dedication plans will be announced soon.

Members of the Association of National Park Superintendents, who have been meeting in San Francisco, were shown over the parks of this city, Sunday, February 19, by President Herbert Fleishhacker of the Park Commission and Superintendent John McLaren. Mr. Fleishhacker entertained the guests at luncheon at Taits-at-the-Beach.

Work on the widening and parking of the Great Highway from the Cliff House to Fleishhacker Playfield has been temporarily discontinued, but it will be resumed as soon as funds from the highway bond issue are available.

Legion of Honor Palace

A WHOLE gallery at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor has been devoted to an exhibition of red chalk drawings by the great Italian sculptor, Arturo Dazzi. While the medium used by the artist is unusual, the drawings are beautifully done. They were originally intended to be used as studies for works of sculpture. Dazzi is by many critics regarded as being the greatest artist in marble since Michaelangelo.

The great exhibition of modern painting, comprising about 280 works by European artists which were included in the Twenty-Sixth Carnegie International Exhibition at Pittsburgh, will open at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor on April 2 and continue until May 13. This wonderful display will occupy about half of the museum, and it will undoubtedly attract thousands of visitors. This will be the first time a Carnegie show has come west of the Rockies.

Dr. Ali Kuli Khan, former ambassador of Persia to the United States, who had an exhibition of Persian art at the California Palace some months ago, has given the museum an unusually beautiful Sultan Abad bowl, dating from the twelfth century. It is of a wonderful blue color—symbolic of the infinite.

A Persian tapestry, two hundred years old, which was formerly in Dr. Khan's collection, has been loaned to the Palace anonymously by its present owner. This beautiful textile is the hand work of a hundred women, working for ten years. Each worker made a section and the completed parts were so artfully put together that the tapestry appears to have been woven as one whole. This Royal Tapestry of Kirman was spread before the throne twice a year on state occasions.

The modern collection of painting and statuary which has been on view at the Palace from September 1 will continue for some time. This also applies to the collection of miniatures by Miss Martha Wheeler Baxter. Both of these collections are attracting many visitors.

Uda Waldrop, official organist of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, who was painfully injured in an automobile accident and hence was away from the console of the organ for some time, has recovered and has resumed his tri-weekly concerts. These recitals are given on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from three until three forty-five.

De Young Memorial Museum

THE League of American Pen Women will hold a month's exhibition of the works of its artist members at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, from March 15 until April 15. The exhibition will include oil and water color paintings done by members from the San Francisco, Sacramento, Berkeley, and Santa Clara County branches. The San Francisco branch will be hostess to the other branches, and it is planned to have programs of music and talks upon art topics during the course of the exhibition. The pictures will be displayed in the auditorium of the Museum. Mrs.

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By LIEUT. FRED JONES

EXTRA! Promoter Al Young of the Association Club announces that, in his next show, he has matched Pat Cornyn of Truck 1 and Caesar Attell for six rounds. Looks as if Pat might collect his $20.

Lieut. Desmond of Engine 3 has become quite a veterinarian of late. Dan can be seen most any day at the beach instructing the girls in the handling and care of their dogs.

Red Mary Mullen of Truck 10, better known as the Beau Brummel of the Richmond, is still doing his stuff in front of the mirror. We wonder if John ever visits the engine room in the City Hall any more.

Frank "Chicago" O'Brien of Truck 3 has returned from his vacation which was spent in Chicago, and is displaying a bullet-proof vest that his cousin, Scar Face Al Capone, gave him.

Hats off to Lieut. Sutter of Engine 25. The way Ted retrieved the body of the boy drowned in the vicinity of the fire house during the past month was a credit to the entire Fire Department.

Slavich of Engine 18 has a deep secret that he will not let out. Nevertheless, when you meet him, ask him to tell you the truth.

Cunferman of Engine 29 had a hard time getting started with his work one morning of late. It seems that John misplaced his duster.

Barney Hagan and Moon Reidy of Truck 3 are running opposition to Mabel Box and have opened a school for future policemen. Felix, the newsboy, was the first student enrolled.

It is understood that handsome Dan O'Rourke, the dashing Lieutenant of Truck 14, is a house detective for Weinstein's on Market Street. No doubt you will be the attraction, Dan. At least the girls will look your way.

Guenley of Engine 31 claims that the grapes of last year had very little sugar. Maybe that was the cause of the light color, Joe, but we sincerely hope for your sake that it will be darker this year.

Lieut. DeMartini of Engine 1 is contemplating opening a hardware store on Montgomery Street and dealing exclusively in firearms. He figured it out that if he charged $10 for pistols and $1 per shot he would become rich in a short time when the Bank of Italy stock starts sliding. Lieut. Dwyer of Engine 20 is expected to be his first customer.

Anyone desirous of ridding themselves of old lumber or junk of any description will receive a very good price from Stormy Crowe of Truck 11.

Herbie Parks, better known as Bill Vierects champion bell ringer, was suspended from cooking in the quarters of Engine 17 for a period of six months by order of Johnny Doherty.

All the way from Oshkosh comes the news that Joe Godin of Truck 11, the crimson face comedian, is busily engaged in the raising of cats, alley cats.

Jack Hearst of the Yard is the legal adviser for anyone wanting to buy Bank of Italy stock.

Ed Barry, the batteryman of the Yard, is worrying over the loss of his hair. Why worry, Ed, they will love you just the same.

Two-gun Carney of Truck 12 must take a back seat at last in order to make room for McLaughlin of the same company, the well known stock and bond broker. Oh, what a beating the radio gets now, Mac.

Engineer Sprague of Engine 13 has put on considerable weight of late. No doubt it is caused by the delicious spread that Captain Collins puts out daily. (Chocolate and buns.)

Ham Iberg of the Yard is taking vocal lessons. Ham's ambition is to run Robert Olsen out of KFRC.

Bank of Italy took another jump which accounts for the new Willys-Knight being sported by Captain Perrone of Engine 48.

Our good friend, Tom Barry, of Jack Hearst's staff, at the Yard has a promising offer from Kolb and Dill.

The boys of Engine 16 have presented Sammy Devers, the handsome young operator of district 10, with a pair of shoulder braces. It seems that Sammy was getting round shouldered from carrying the doughnuts in every morning.

Friday the 13th is not always unlucky. Take Schiller of Engine 18, for instance, and he proved to be a hero on that day when he caught a burglar in the vicinity of the fire house. Let's not mention the reward.

Tommy Walsh of the Yard has to dream of water towers each night. Since he has worked on them he has discarded the police whistle.

Cassidy of Engine 11 is still on the trail of the $3.50 shirt made of the finest blue serge. Better wake up, Bob, as beer for a nickel is no longer in vogue.

Charlie Healey of the Paint Shop has a new solution for the boys with vulgar mouths. (Oh, you bad boys.)

We wonder why Joe Meedus hangs around McLaughlin, the brass finisher of the Yard, so much of late. It looks suspicious, but at that it is good to see that million dollar smile again, Joe.

Frank Coughlin of the Yard was sitting around the fireside one noon telling the boys that it is much easier to knock hydrants over than to put them up.

After suffering for years the agony of using a straight razor on his face, Captain Munson finally purchased a real razor in the line of a Gillette Safety. Time will tell, Nick.

A laborer withdrew 5/12 of his deposit from a savings bank, and with 2/5 of the money thus withdrawn paid his rent, which was $12. How much money has he still on deposit?

Tommy Hayes, Engine 14, is a property owner now. He just bought a nice residence for "friend" wife. Guess that squares you for a little while, Tommy. What did someone say about a housewarming? That proves it pays to buy Good Bank Stock.

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Office Employees' Association

By William T. Bonsor
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OFFICE Employees' Association No. 13,188, A. F. of L., has determined to present to the Civil Service Commission a complaint as to present violations of Civil Service procedure. It has been found upon investigation that many clerical positions of varying kinds are being filled by others than clerks, stenographers, etc. This practice is common to the Municipal Railway and other departments. It involves permanent positions, temporary positions and vacation periods. This organization believes that the situations mentioned should be filled according to the rating designated by the examinations held for same and not otherwise, and it will use every effort to correct the existing evil.

That the city shall pay the premium on surety bonds demanded of its employees is a reform that this union has been attempting to place in effect for the past two years. We have requested Chairman Marks of the Judiciary Committee of the Board of Supervisors to have the question placed before the people at the coming Charter Amendment Election if necessary. Two years ago we presented the same situation to the Judiciary Committee. Chairman Edwin Bath of the committee at that time and City Attorney O'Toole agreed that an ordinance was sufficient to gain the needed relief and that same would be forthcoming in the immediate future. Said ordinance has been reposing on the desk of the City Attorney for the past year and cannot find its way to the Board of Supervisors.

We are requesting at this time that the ordinance be enacted or a proposed Charter Amendment submitted to the people. Other cities, states, the United States government and private employers pay premiums on the surety bonds of their employees. Why should not San Francisco do likewise though it might possibly slightly nick the economy hysteria?

Our representative on the subcommittee of the Municipal Conference which is seeking to liberalize the Retirement System is a busy man these days. Theodore Johnson, our barrister, is giving to the committee the advantage of his wealth of knowledge, experience and hard work. The committee has submitted some very desirable and apparently workable suggestions to the Retirement Board. The employees of the city are seeking all possible liberalizations and such should be placed in effect at the earliest possible moment.

MEN and women now entering permanent employment of the city as office workers suffer a reduction in salary from that received while they serve the city as temporary employees. In temporary employment they receive $160 per month. When certified to permanent employment they are reducd to $150 per month during the six months' probationary period. It is a rather interesting condition but true. Through the oversight of all of us the ordinance governing this situation was not amended at the time the salaries of the temporary clerks were set at $160 per month. The officers of this Association have been directed to place the matter before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors at once.

We have been having a wonderful time with the Civil Service Commission for the past year or so in relation to the outcome of the bookkeepers list from that examination. We scored a great moral victory because our president, Sylvain Rosenblum, who is the Blackstone of accountancy, submitted several yards of authorities which convinced the commissioners that their special examiners had erred in at least one of their questions and the resultant markings in connection with the examination. The result—Matt Butler with a happy smile, as he was placed in seventh position on the list. Prior to our activity his name did not decorate the list at all. We thank Mayor Rolph for obtaining for us a rehearing.

This Association has been honored by having its treasurer, Sidney Hester, elevated to the position of deputy commissioner and secretary to the Board of Public Works. Some of the boys and girls say that his training with the union instilled in him the skill with which successfully to handle the position. We know that he is on the job, works hard and has already made good.

We are now beginning an organization drive, the objective of which is to enroll every clerical and semi-clerical employee of this city and county as a member of this Association. We now boast of four hundred, but expect to make it unanimous. We are enlisting the co-operation of all department heads and invite their membership, as they are office workers. In our next issue we will tell of the progress made and of the co-operation received. Even now we have been promised whole-hearted support by some of the heads and expect that all will help as soon as they are approached. We will be successful as we have something to offer, as we have been able to give much in the past.

We are watching for the reclassification report. We will study it carefully when it is forthcoming as well as all details in regard to standardization of salaries. We will make every effort to protect the interests of our members even though it takes every penny of the several thousands of dollars in our treasury. Nothing possible to humans will be left undone. We are skeptical of the procedure and expected results to say the least.

ASIDE from helping ourselves let us give a moment to the other fellow. He is helping us all the time. In fact we depend on him continuously for his support. Labor gives that to us. How many of us buy the things that the men and women of the other unions make in order to gain their livelihood? They make all kinds of garments to wear. .The garment workers, all women, of this city are going to suffer a reduction in pay because union men do not wear union label shirts made by them. This is an unfair condition. Most of us have never thought of that sort of thing. Let us think of it now.

The Labor Council and its affiliated unions are now beginning a campaign for funds, education, promotion and publicity, to the end that a union label store, where only union label goods can be purchased, be established in the Mission district of this city for the accommodation of real union men and women who

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HETCHY BONDS TO BE SOLD

Bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors March 26 for the last of the 1925 issue of $10,000,000 Hetch Hetchy bonds. Bonds totaling $2,600,000 remain to be sold. This will complete the Foothill division work and advance tunnel work on the Coast range.

In Memoriam

JOHN B. BADARACCO

THE staff of the Municipal Employee mourn with all of the people who loved him, the passing of John B. Badaracco, supervisor, loyal citizen, and true son of his beloved city. He served with unfailing fidelity the best interests of his fellow citizens, and loved his friends with a simple and direct affection. We mourn him for his sturdy courage, his unfailing kindliness and his capacity for unselfish and loyal friendship.

Scott Wins Retirement Honor

WILLIAM H. SCOTT, chief clerk of the Municipal Railway, is the new member of the administration board of the Retirement System, succeeding William J. Fitzgerald, who became ineligible by reason of his election as sheriff. Scott will serve out Fitzgerald's term which expires February 20, 1930.

When the votes of the city employees were counted on the night of February 10 by Registrar Harry Zemansky it was found that Scott had polled 1,553 of the 2,693 votes cast.

William C. Pidge of the engineer's office, and a teacher in the Humboldt evening high school, polled 965 votes. Timothy Nyhane, Municipal Railway trackman, polled 175. A total of twenty ballots were found to have been improperly cast and were thrown out.

The election was held from January 31 to February 10 inclusive, ballots being cast in the registrar's office. Members of the Retirement system working on the Hetch Hetchy system sent in their votes by mail.

Rogers Again Honored

JOHN W. ROGERS was re-elected president of the Board of Administration of the City Employee's Retirement System at the regular meeting on February 28. This marks his eighth consecutive term. The board also received the credentials of William H. Scott, recently elected to fill the place of W. J. Fitzgerald, and of Arthur S. Holman reappointed by Mayor Rolph for a five year term ending February 20, 1933. Mr. Holman is manager of the Travelers Insurance Company.

Kin of City Official Passes

MRS. MARGARET CURTIS, mother-in-law of Supervisor J. Emmet Hayden, passed away February 12 at the age of 93 years. The meeting of the Board on February 14 adjourned out of respect to her memory. Mrs. Curtis is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Hayden and Mrs. M. E. Mulligan, and two sons, Peter J. Curtis, former sheriff of San Francisco and also supervisor, and Arthur E. Curtis of the Crocker National Bank.

J. J. Smith, former warden of Folsom prison, has been placed in charge of the county jail by Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald.

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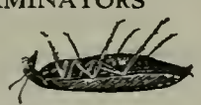
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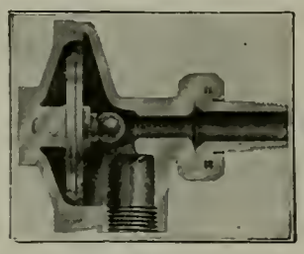
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The School Department

THE Evening High School of Commerce has organized a class in Journalism. This is the first such class to be held for two years. It was formerly taught as an English class, but was found to be a subject that required more time than students who seek a few English credits only are willing to give to it.

It is the desire of the students and of John A. Lenahan, principal, to establish the class as a permanent feature. Possibly there will also be established later a short story course for advanced students.

C. J. Pfaffenberger is in charge of the class. He studied news writing under Bruce Bliven at the University of Southern California. In addition to university training he has had ten years experience in actual newspaper work and ten years in publicity and advertising work. So rapidly has the class advanced under his instruction that it has already begun the publication of the "Green and White."

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The Home Economics Department of the Public Elementary and Junior High Schools now has a total enrollment of 7753 students. The instructors are under the very efficient supervision of Miss Louise Bartlett, during the absence of her sister. Miss Ellen Bartlett, supervisor of home economics, is making a tour around the world. She has given valuable service for many years in building up her department and is still planning big things for our schools. On her tour she will visit the schools of all nations and will undoubtedly return with interesting information for all of her co-workers.

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Four High School of Commerce boys returned during the latter part of February from a round trip to the Orient on board the liner President Lincoln. They are Harold Bennett, Leon Rudee, Walter Berris and Homer "Happy" Sweetman. They sailed December 23, visiting Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila, returning to Seattle February 13. They will sail again on May 4 on the President Van Buren for a trip around the world. The quartet is known as the Syncopating Commerceites.

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Herbert Meyerinck, president of the student body at the Lafayette School, won third prize in the safety contest essay recently conducted by the National Highway Commission. The prize consisted of a check for $5 and a bronze medal. He was the only pupil in San Francisco to win honors in this contest.

Miss Bertha Miller, departmental teacher at Lafayette, was called upon by the San Francisco News Letter to write up the recent exhibit of paintings of California artists at Santa Cruz. Miss Miller is doing her sixth year of work at the California School of Fine Arts.

Office Employees

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believe in the policy of actually assisting each other and living the principles of unionism daily instead of just talking of them when it only affects themselves. Our union and its people should be interested in this idea. We will hear more of it later.

The Police Department

AS THE result of an intensive drive ordered by Chief of Police Daniel O'Brien, members of the criminal element are giving San Francisco a wide berth these days. The drive started during the early part of February, following the outbreak of an underworld war which cost the life of "Red" O'Callahan, reputed bootlegger and hi-jacker. Then came the shooting of Fred "Biblejack" Marino.

Orders of the chief to clear the city of all thugs and gangsters brought about the unofficial deportation of some 400 suspicious characters within the next ten days, and immediately word went out that San Francisco was a poor place to "work."

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Lieutenant of Police Michael Mitchell, President of the Police Widows' and Orphans' Association, has been transferred during the last month from the Harbor station to headquarters company. He has been assigned to take charge of the general business office. Lieutenant Grover Coates was transferred from the traffic squad to the Harbor station to take Mitchell's place.

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Two new faces in the detective bureau this month are Corporal Walter Descalso of the Bush station, and Policeman George Engler also of the Bush. They have been assigned to general work to take the places of Detectives George Page and Charles McGreevy, assigned to the burglary detail.

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Frank M. Cummings, one of the old timers of the force, passed away February 21. Frank joined the police department in 1907, after six years in the fire department. His loss is deeply regretted.

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Sergeant of Police John C. Stelzner, a veteran of the department, suffered the loss of his wife, Mrs. Louise Reeves Stelzner, during the month.

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Unison Club Celebrates

By IRENE DOLAN

TUESDAY evening, February 21, the Unison Club, composed of the Civil Service Employees of the School Department, gave an old-fashioned dance in the Young Men's Institute Building, and it was some affair! The music from Backstedt's Orchestra permeated the air with old-fashioned melodies and the boys and girls were taken back to the days when dancing was considered an art and "a man was known by the dance he stepped."

To see our Worthy President, Kittie Dempsey, being twirled in the lancers by Gus Magnuson, our Treasurer, was in itself the success of the evening, and Gus is all there when it comes to twirling.

Eddie McEvoy, our Vice-president, rendered a few vocal selections. Eddie seemed to be at his best and the crowd certainly enjoyed it.

Jim Cummings claims that he cannot dance, but when it comes to the gavotte—well, being a good Sergeant-at-Arms isn't the only thing Jim can do. We know Rose Hamilton will testify to this.

Supply good music, the area of a ten-cent piece and then page Billie Sullivan and Kate Norton. The result is a good old-fashioned waltz.

Does anybody know that Denny Smith can sing? Well, Jane Duffy found it out Tuesday night. Yes, that's a fact.

Charley Valencia was busy cooking doughnuts and coffee for the folks, but not too busy to dance the schottische with yours truly.

Who were the two dudes who assisted Eddy McEvoy in singing "Casey Would Waltz With the Strawberry Blonde"? The manager of the Orpheum would like to know. How about it, Tom Lyons and Walter Mihan?

Lilly Andersen, one of our Trustees, rendered a vocal selection entitled "Birdie Fly Over the Ocean," assisted by Tom Connolly and Gus Videau. The trio made quite a hit.

At the height of the evening's festivities the club was honored with a visit from Mayor James Rolph, Jr., who made a few pleasant remarks and then joined the boys and girls in a three-step polka.

This little affair certainly brought to the surface some terpsichorean talent that we never realized existed in the club members, but which we hope to develop toward bigger and better achievements in the near future.

Everyone had a fine time and, when the last doughnut had been served, it was a happy and jolly crowd that poured from the Institute Building, to find its way home.

Cutting Error to Nil

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two hundred times daily, the net result is a half mile of measured line?

And now again we believe we have really arrived this time.

Remember the allowable error with the old link type of chain of one in one hundred and sixty; of the steel tape with its one in ten thousand, and then the pole with its one in fifty thousand? Compare these with variations of one in three hundred and ninety thousand. It seems incredible and almost impossible. However, these results have been obtained in the last

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We have devoted this article to the measuring branch of surveying, believing that the greatest advancement has been made in that branch. Another article could be devoted exclusively to instruments, and interestingly so.

Perhaps we will have another "engineering" number.

A City's Arteries

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modate a paved roadway was also made an obligation of the railroad company.

This improvement will relieve Mission Street of some of its heavy burden of traffic, diverting it to the southerly section of San Jose Avenue.

The first pavement laid in San Francisco was the plank road to Mission Dolores, two and one-half miles in length, completed in 1850. Other plank roads were constructed. Round cobble-stones were utilized for paving the heavy traffic streets, also on steep grades. Later, basalt blocks were substituted for the planks and cobbles, except on the very steepest grades where the cobbles were allowed to remain, and in some instances still remain to this day.

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opoly on the sale of that article; if this business were located in a wealthy and fast-growing community and had absolute certainty of continued increase in the volume of business for a number of years—would you accept?

Such an offer has actually been made to each and every one of the 700,000 citizens of San Francisco, and the decision is up to the voters. To signify acceptance, all you have to do is to go to the polls on the first of May and vote "Yes" on the proposed $41,000.000 bond issue for the purchase of the Spring Valley Water Company's system. It will not cost you a cent—it will save you money.

The property offered includes about 62,250 acres or ninety-seven square miles of land in San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda and Santa Clara counties, with all the great reservoirs, the aqueducts bringing water from the sources to San Francisco, the city distributing pipe system—in short, all properties of the Spring Valley Water Company which are now in use for supplying water to San Francisco or are required for extensions or for future use in connection with the Hetch Hetchy system.

The price is determined on the basis established by the Railroad Commission after a thorough investigation of valuation made in the years 1920 and 1921. The commission found a value of $37,000,000 for the property as it stood March 1, 1920. The value is brought up to date by adding the actual cost of additions and extensions and making a deduction for depreciation. The city also receives as a credit on the purchase price two-thirds of the net profit on operation.

This is the fifth time that the matter of purchase has been put before the voters, the first having been in 1910. The price each time has been higher than the preceding time because of the constant additions to the system, which exceed the deduction for depreciation and the two-thirds credit.

The city now holds an option to buy the company's property at a price based on the Railroad Commission's valuation up to the end of the year 1933. Some people ask, "Why not wait until 1933?" The answer is that, according to careful estimates, the city will profit about $8,000,000 if it buys the property now instead of waiting. This amount represents the total for five years of profits that will otherwise go into the pockets of the stockholders of the water company, savings in interest due to lower rates being paid by the city, and various other economies.

The city has already lost many millions of dollars by just that sort of waiting during the last eighteen years. Had the 1910 purchase proposition been approved by the voters $10,000,000 of the $35,000,000 price would already have been contributed out of the revenues of the system toward the retirement of bonds, besides which the interest payments would have been fully met out of the earnings.

The revenues and expenses of the company have been analyzed by experts for the city and there is absolutely no question that the net revenue under municipal operation, after every contingency had been provided for, will be sufficient to pay bond interest and redemption charges and leave a substantial yearly amount to take care of the necessary improvements. That is why we say "It won't cost you a cent." There will be absolutely no charge in the tax rate for the purchase of Spring Valley.

Of Interest to Women

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sories can be used with more than one costume.

With those few words of warning, go forth into the dangers of the spring-filled shops, and if you come back with a purple hat trimmed with pink flowers, blame it on the season, and don't scold yourself too rigidly. It takes a sturdy soul to guard against riotous extravagance when spring is in the air.

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By the way, fair reader, have you registered this year? Better drop in at the Registrar's office or one of the downtown stores and attend to it.

THE AFTER-SCHOOL LUNCH

By Martha Adams
The Best Foods Home Economics Service

"MOTHER, MOTHER," sounds the four o'clock chorus as the youngsters troop in after their important work and play engagements of the day. Then comes the second measure of the daily song—"Can I have something to eat?" The raid on the cooky jar, or the jam closet is as much a part of the day's routine as breakfast or luncheon, and wise is the mother who provides for this stop-gap meal (if it can be called by so formal a name), for it is her chance to check up on the activities of the day.

The bugaboo of malnutrition and the handicap it places on later life has been the subject of much social thought and study, and the many articles on diet for little growing bodies have taught up-to-date mothers the great responsibility that is theirs. The balancing of the child's diet and the providing of the all important vitamins is her first thought.

The friendly informal after-school snack must not be so heavy that it interferes with the supper appetite. Milk, of course, not too cold and taken slowly, with a simple cookie or a "spread" piece of bread renews zest and pep for the important play of the afternoon.

Too much sweet will dull the appetite, but a slice of whole wheat breat spread with nucoa will provide one of the best energy foods and send the youngsters out rosy and well nourished. Dr. Philip B. Hawk, the eminent food authority, has proved conclusively that this tempting spread contains both vitamin A and D in abundance. These are the elements so necessary for health and growth. A slice of Fannings' bread and butter pickle will give added zest to the treat for an older member of the family.

What child does not love to come home to the tantalizing aroma of baking cookies? A simple rule tells us to cream one and a half cups of nucoa with a cup of granulated sugar and a cup of brown sugar, and then add two beaten eggs. Three cups of flour are sifted and one and a half teaspoons of soda and one-half teaspoon of salt added. These are added to the shortening mixture. Two teaspoons of vanilla next go in and after kneading thoroughly, the dough is formed into a thick roll about six inches long and put in a cool place or on ice overnight. The next day it is sliced thin and the cookies are baked in a hot oven of 390 degrees Fahrenheit for fifteen to twenty minutes.

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Municipal Railway

By EUGENE W. CLISBEE

THE Municipal Railway has always been given a great deal of praise by the traveling public, by local passengers as well as by visitors from all parts of the world, including officials of other street railways, on the appearance of its street cars from a painting standpoint as well as cleanliness and good lighting.

EUGENE W. CLISBEE
—Photo by Hartsook

It is hoped that the following remarks as to how this praise is brought about and appreciated by the employees responsible for the condition of the cars will be of some interest.

The Municipal Railway has two hundred and twenty-four cars and eighteen buses, together with other motor equipment used in line work and repair departments.

Particular attention is paid to the painting of the passenger cars and buses, so that they may always present a pleasing appearance. The color adopted is known as "Municipal Gray" for the street cars and yellow for the buses.

The work of painting this equipment is taken care of by one foreman, Wm. P. Ammann, and ten carriage and wagon painters, who are thoroughly versed in all the work of painting and preparing a car for service, which includes lettering, striping, sign writing, varnishing, etc.

In addition to following a routine of putting cars through the paint shop, the duties of the painting force include emergency work caused by accidents, etc., when probably the paint on some car just out of the shop has become scratched and must be patched up if possible. Sometimes a whole panel must be done over to be presentable.

All necessary repair work, particularly on the body of car, is first taken care of. Dirt on the roof of the car is removed by the use of wire brushes and compressed air; dirt and grease are removed from the trucks and running gear by scraping and sand blasting. The interior and exterior of the car body are cleaned by scrubbing with water and pumice stone. It usually takes four or five days to prepare a car for the actual painting to begin. If necessary, the interior of the car is restained. The seats, stanchions, etc., that are subject to unusual wear are given an extra coat of varnish. The exterior is then given a coat of gray. The gold lettering and striping are touched up with new gold, if needed, and then two coats of wearing body varnish are applied. Screen guards, signs, curtains, etc., are replaced and, after six or seven days allowed

for drying and varnish hardening, the car is ready for service.

The above process calls for some three hundred hours of labor, the use of ten or twelve gallons of paint, varnish, turpentine and enamel, fifty pounds of white lead, some lamp-black, shellac, burnt sienna, gold-leaf, etc.

The washing, cleaning and disinfecting of cars require the service of about thirty janitors.

The Municipal cars have a very fine lighting arrangement, including shades for the interior and the use of 36-watt lights.

The work is all done under the supervision of Master Mechanic William C. Bendel, who has been with the Municipal Railway since its inception.

Parks and Museums

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Frederick H. Colburn is president of the San Francisco branch.

The Bohemian Club has loaned to the de Young Museum for exhibition for an indefinite period an interesting mummy in a highly decorated case covered with rich designs made by ancient Egyptian artists. The mummy was secured years ago by Jeremiah Lynch, an author and traveler member of the Club, and it has been placed on view in the Egyptian gallery of the Museum. Mr. Lynch had many interesting experiences in the country by the River Nile and these are recounted in his volume of "Egyptian Sketches."

The semi-weekly promenade lecture will continue at the de Young Museum throughout March. On Sunday, the fourth, Miss Helen Gordon Barker will talk on the Ceramics galleries. On the seventh and eleventh Louis C. Towne will lecture on Arms and Armor; on the fourteenth and eighteenth Miss Barker will discuss the Oriental exhibits; on the twenty-first and twenty-fifth Mr. Towne will talk on the displays in the Numismatics gallery; and on March 28 and April 1 Miss Barker will lecture in Statuary Hall. The Wednesday talks are at two o'clock and those on Sundays at four, after the Park band concert. All are free to the public.

PRESIDENT HERBERT FLEISHHACKER of the Park Commission has made four additions to the collection of animals at Fleishhacker Playfield. These are two camels, a water buffalo, and a Barbary sheep. All are natives of Rhodesia, South Africa, and are in good health. The camels will be taught to carry children on their backs. The water buffalo is similar to a caribou, but smaller. The Barbary sheep is very like a Rocky Mountain sheep, and is quite rare. The Playfield already has a herd of donkeys, a trained elephant, "Babe," and a large cage full of monkeys.

The usual Easter egg hunt will be staged again this year under the auspices of the Park Commission, both at the Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park and at Fleishhacker Playfield. This event always attracts thousands of children as well as grown people. Preliminary arrangements are already under way.

The great annual May Day celebration in Golden Gate Park will again take place and the program is being worked out.

Representatives of all civic associations have been invited by Supervisor Milton Marks, chairman of the judiciary committee, to present proposals for revisions of the city charter.

THE PARAFFINE COMPANIES, INC., LEADS IN S. F. EXPORT OF PRODUCTS

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A recent compilation of the companies doing the largest amount of export business from the San Francisco port revealed that The Paraffine Companies, Inc., was high on the list.

Many of the San Francisco dwellings are covered with Pabco Prepared Shingles and several of the most famous buildings of San Francisco are covered with the famous Pabco Malthoid Roofing, which has won the praise of engineers and home owners.

The recent development of a Pabco Product which is creating considerable interest in building circles is the Pabco Multi-Service Paint. This paint adheres to tin, wood, brick, concrete, stucco, in fact, any surface.

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One at Niles, California, on the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific railways; one at River Rock, on the Western Pacific Railway; one at Riverbank, San Joaquin County, on the Santa Fe Railway; and two at Coyote, near San Jose, on the Southern Pacific Railway.

This company also owns and controls the Acme Gravel Company in San Francisco and Oakland. In San Francisco their retail bunkers are located at the foot of Leavenworth Street and at Army Street and Potrero Avenue.

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The Niles Sand, Gravel and Rock Company, the River Rock Gravel Company, the Riverbank Sand Company, the Coyote Gravel Company, and the Acme Gravel Company.

About a year ago the above companies were consolidated into the Associated Gravel Company and they now operate as one company, the Associated Gravel Company, with William H. Ford as President.

This company has furnished material used in the construction of many of San Francisco's largest structures, some of them being: The Standard Oil Building, Hunter-Dulin Building, Federal Reserve Bank, Matson Building, Pacific Gas & Electric Company Building, Twin Peaks Tunnel, Civic Auditorium, and many others.

Many of San Francisco streets are constructed with material furnished by this company, as well as much of the concrete used in the Hetch Hetchy construction work.

HIGHWAY BONDS SOLD

The first block of the $9,380,000 bond issue voted last November for highway improvements was sold February 27 by the Board of Supervisors to the the Guaranty Company of New York. The block of $2,500,000 brought a premium of $105,675.

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Playgrounds

By VEDA BERESFORD YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

THESE days are busy ones for the playground boys and girls of San Francisco.

Recently the winners of the girls' volleyball and boys' basketball tournaments were presented with their awards in the rotunda of the City Hall by Edward Rainey, Executive Secretary to the Mayor. Mrs. Jane A. Graves, Assistant Supervisor of Physical Education in the Elementary Schools, and Ray Daugherty, Acting Director of Physical Education of the Board of Education, each gave an interesting talk.

Miss Frances E. Ware and Miss Marie Fox were responsible for the victorious Hamilton Playground volleyball team. Oliver Chang, Maurice Sweeney, Ralph Marron and William Richards coached the successful basketball teams. The Chinese Playground won the 95-pound championship, Funston the 110-pound, Margaret S. Hayward the 120-pound and Twenty-first and Folsom Streets Playground the 130-pound. The climax came with the presentation of the beautiful Sigmund Stern perpetual trophy to the Margaret S. Hayward Playground for having won the greatest number of points in the basketball tournament.

The Ninth Annual Tennis Tournament has been announced and as a result the girls and boys of San Francisco are to be seen practicing diligently each day on the playground courts. Any boy or girl interested in participating is invited to sign up at the nearest playground. There are five classes for girls and five for boys, ranging in age from those just old enough to play, up through eighteen years. Special awards will be given to the winners on individual playgrounds, as well as those winning city championships.

In order that the playground children would have an opportunity to see tennis played by experts, a series of exhibition tennis matches were arranged. Among those who played on the playground courts were Carolyn Swartz, Edith Cross, Ray Casey, John Doeg, Edmund Levy, Neal Brown, Dr. Carroll Jensen, Dr. A. G. Rawlins and John Risso.

Are you interested in our Kite Contest? There is a Junior and a Senior Division. Special awards will be given as follows: To the girl or boy having the largest kite, the most novel of design, to the winner of the 220-yard dash, the kite showing most ingenuity in the use of special devices, and the kite having the strongest pull. So get busy, girls and boys, and try your skill at kite making. Your nearest playground director will be glad to assist you.

A special Soap Contest has also just been inaugurated for the girls and boys up through seventeen years of age. If you think you can sculpture a beautiful or clever design in soap, be sure to sign up at your nearest playground. As an added incentive to try one's skill at this art, five cash prizes are to be presented to the winners. Interesting particulars regarding this contest are on file at your nearest playground.

Now you can easily see why these are busy days for the playground girls and boys.

IT IS indeed hard for San Francisco to realize that Father Crowley has passed away.

On February 2, at the age of seventy-six, this noted priest, beloved and honored by the whole community,

died. His was an extremely active and helpful career, marked with inspiration and guiding insight. His name is symbolic of all that is humane in civic life, and charitable in industry and government.

For more than forty years he was a notable figure in the civic and charitable life of the community. For fifteen years he was President of the Playground Commission, and labored hard in the playground movement of our city. His work as head of the Youths' Directory, which he founded forty-three years ago, will live on, and the "thousands of boys," as Archbishop Edward J. Hanna has said, "whom he trained, whom he raised to knowledge and power, will rise to call him blessed."

As a tribute to this great character, well known in the United States and also internationally, all creeds paid final honor to him by attending the age-old Requiem High Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Hanna delivered the eulogy, and said, "A great and noble soul has passed, a faithful, devoted and holy priest, who loved children and loved his fellow men."

The Fire Department

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Ralph "Legs" Bradley of Truck 4 seems to be getting nearer to society with each jump. From Truck 13 to 4 in one move. Guess next step will be a residence on Pacific Avenue. Well, we all can't go to Europe and meet the best. Don't forget "de gang".

"Buddy" Ed Lamb of Truck 1 is having a hard time convincing the younger members that he is really working for their benefit in arranging the good vacations for them. Why not a few of the young generation of fire fighters call and thank Buddy in person?

It is rumored that Jack O'Brien of Truck 2 is the "Johnny Weismuller" of the Fire Department—that is, in a bath tub. Ever try Fleishhacker Pool for a swim, Jack?

Seems as though there is an undercurrent of thought among some members. There is a reward out for the "Jakie" who had the police officer (???) tag Captain Rocca's automobile at the City Hall. Use the Municipal cars, Captain, when away from the old tower, and remember our friends the police officers will always help a fireman in trouble.

Anyway, our old friend, "Jerry" Riddell, who makes the maps up at the office, was seen "spotting hydrants" and taking other observations while Captain Rocca was issuing a call for police help. What about it, Jerry?

Then again, Henry Casper, who brings good and bad news alike to all the houses from the office, was seen snickering up his sleeve. Maybe he was watching Jerry or the Captain. Even those on the Lieutenant's list might have to go to the tower.

Ten Truck covered in to Four Truck quarters during a recent conflagration and they were rarin' to go to work. First time they have come downtown for sometime and they got back to quarters without a compass. We are always glad to see you boys from the outside. Why not come around when off duty?

Charley Jensen, 47 Engine, is around "putting it on" with his Buick just purchased. What was it Charley, bank or oil stock?

The Board of Public Works has set May 1 for the beginning of work on the Islais Creek Reclamation project.

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The Birth of Hetch Hetchy

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same thing can be said of Portland and its Bull Run watershed. The government extended every facility to that city in obtaining government lands and water rights. The same is also true of Seattle, which has obtained every help from the government in developing its watershed around Cedar Lake.

San Francisco's main obstacles were the agencies adverse to public ownership of water and power, which strenuously fought every claim of the city and made its way hard and difficult.

In 1914 active construction started within ninety days of the passing of the act. This consisted of wagon road work between South Fork and Mather. Very few of the city's bonds had been sold at that time and there was a limited amount of money in the treasury. By July 8 a contract had been awarded to the Utah Construction Company to grade the first nine miles of roadbed through the granite bluffs from Mather in to Hetch Hetchy. C. R. Rankin was the first resident engineer on this job, who has been continuously in the city's service ever since. This work was completed in March, 1915, and after the balance of the railway was located from Mather down to Hetch Hetchy Junction, the surveys were made for the Early Intake Aqueduct, power house, and the dam at Lake Eleanor. This work was all finished by June, 1918, and in the meantime the European War had started and disturbed labor conditions and wages, raising common labor from $3 a day to practically $5 a day, an increase of 60 per cent, and making the construction problems more difficult.

ON JUNE 18, 1918, our Early Intake power house started generating energy with the water from Lake Eleanor, and electric power was provided for all our tunnel construction activities, which work, however, could not be actively prosecuted as only a very moderate amount of money was available, due to the fact that the City Engineer's recommendations in 1915 and 1916 to sell a large volume of bonds and making the money available had not been followed. In the war period the sale of bonds was more difficult, the United States government having to raise its rate of interest from 2 per cent (Panama Canal construction rates) to even 5 and 6 per cent. This made the city's 4½ per cent bonds unsalable and a Charter Amendment had to be adopted raising the rate of interest permissible from 4½ per cent to 5½ per cent. This was carried through with the full knowledge and approval of the people and made our bonds finally salable, so that money was obtained to prosecute the balance of the work.

A large aqueduct and power house at Moccasin Creek were put in service on August 21, 1925. This one unit alone produces about 100,000 horsepower or 1 1/3 million kilowatt hours of energy a day, and yields a gross income of $2,300,000 a year to the taxpayers. Considering an expense for operation of $300,000 a year, the power crop yields a net of $2,000,000 a year, which is 5 per cent on $40,000,000 or 4½ per cent on $45,000,000.

Active construction has been prosecuted for the past two years on the Foothill Division from Moccasin Power House to the San Joaquin Valley involving sixteen miles of pressure tunnels for a capacity of 470 million gallons daily. Active work has also been prosecuted on the five shafts in the Coast Range Division southeast of Livermore and Pleasanton, and it is hoped to have this latter completed by the month of June this year. This will exhaust the $10,000,000 voted November, 1924, by the people for the prosecution of that work. It was clearly explained at that time that it will take $24,000,000 more to finish the project and we are hoping to have a favorable bond issue by the first day of May of this year to provide enough money to complete the project.

THERE is a model of the Hetch Hetchy project on the first floor of the City Hall under the dome, at which an assistant engineer appears every day between 2:30 and 3 p. m. to explain the system. Numerous excursions were conducted during the Mountain Division construction period, by rail, by all kinds of organizations and fraternities of San Francisco, which obtained very favorable comment.

An interesting feature was the advance construction of the transbay pipe south of Dumbarton, twenty-two miles long, from Irvington to Crystal Springs Reservoir, going under the waters of the bay by means of submarine pipe 2700 feet long and emerging onto a bridge 3800 feet long, passing through Redwood City, and going westerly through the Pulgas tunnel into Crystal Springs reservoir. Since May 21, 1926, this pipe has been continuously bringing thirty-four million gallons a

day into Crystal Springs reservoir. This has succeeded in raising the level of the lake in the past year thirty feet, in spite of the consumption draft towards San Francisco, and this pipe will be an integral part of the Hetch Hetchy system. The tunnel and bridge portions as constructed, are available for larger quantities of flow. The pipe is laid as large as it is thought economically desirable. The tunnel and bridge of excess size costs now proportionately a very small amount of money. Money invested at 5 per cent doubles itself in fifteen years. It is not wisdom, therefore, to bury money too long in advance in large-sized pipes.

The Hetch Hetchy project has obtained favorable comment from American, European and Australian engineers. "London Engineering" published exhaustive articles for six months in 1926 on the project. The city of Sydney, Australia, borrowed one of our engineers to aid it in lining water tunnels with concrete. So that the city's engineering staff feels quite flattered with the successful outcome of all its construction activities.

In the enormous dams and other structures built there has not been one failure and this cannot be said of any of the activities conducted by privately operated companies in the coast region.

Building a City

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Street Railway franchises, a comprehensive study must be made to work out the best plans for operation of the privately-owned lines as an integral part of a unified system covering all street railways within the city. A plan of unified operation would involve the re-routing of cars to utilize to the fullest advantage the existing trackage, would permit the elimination of certain tracks not now used or used merely for the purpose of holding franchises, and would make for greatly increased efficiency and economy of operation with improvement in the directness of travel.

Studies of future transportation requirements are continually being made. The Twin Peaks tunnel and connecting trackage west thereof was constructed on a low grade with the plan in mind that ultimately this will provide rapid transit down the Peninsula. The Duboce tunnel will provide rapid and direct transportation into the vast Sunset District, capable of accommodating more than 200,000 people in homesites.

SHORTLY after taking office Mr. O'Shaughnessy made an intensive study of the city's requirements for a system of boulevards and laid down a very definite program. Considerable progress has been made in carrying out this program from time to time as money has been provided in the tax rate or from Good Roads funds. Much of the necessary property for various boulevard rights-of-way has been acquired and a number of elements of the boulevard system have been constructed. Under this plan of financing, the following are some of the more notable boulevards which have been built or improved as a part of this comprehensive program:

The Marina Boulevard and the Harding Boulevard: These two, in connection with the Presidio Shore Drive constructed by the Federal Government in the Presidio as the result of urgent requests by city officials, connect Van Ness Avenue with the Great Highway and the Skyline Boulevard, practically a continuous scenic drive of rare beauty.

The Twin Peaks Boulevard is one of the most interesting of the boulevards to the visitor, giving as it does a wonderful panorama of the city from the summit of Twin Peaks.

Telegraph Hill Boulevard affords access to another point commanding an unsurpassed view of San Francisco Harbor and its shipping.

Sloat Boulevard forms another important link in the boulevard system, connecting the Great Highway and the Skyline Boulevard with Portola Drive, Nineteenth Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard.

The Market Street Extension connects Market Street with the boulevard system via Portola Drive.

Other notable boulevard improvements are Hunters Point Boulevard, Camino del Mar, repaving of Junipero Serra Boulevard, provision for widening which to 125 feet is being made in the recent bond issue; Geneva Avenue and Army Street.

In addition to the foregoing, which have been developed more or less as complete units, a great deal has been done from time to time in laying the foundation and taking the initial steps for further expansion of the boulevard program. For example, Van Ness Avenue has been extended from Mar-

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ket Street to Mission; the second step, extending this to Twelfth and Howard streets, is provided for in the bond issue recently voted. Likewise, plans have been drawn and some of the property necessary for rights-of-way for the construction of the Bay Shore Highway has been purchased. Much has been done toward the widening of San Jose Avenue. The old Ocean Shore right-of-way, sixty feet in width, was purchased as the key to the Alemany Boulevard which will be constructed to a width of 100 feet under the current bond issue. The Great Highway has been paved and a portion of the Esplanade constructed, the completion of all of which is now provided for in the current bond issue.

The Bernal Cut, one of the most important improvements for relieving the heavy congestion on Mission Street, is now assured by a special bond issue recently voted, although prior to this several hundred thousand dollars had been expended in the purchase of a portion of the necessary property for this improvement.

The Portola Drive and Corbett Road must also be mentioned.

The recent bond issue of $9,380,000 provides for the extension of Nineteenth Avenue through the Spring Valley property to a connection with Junipero Serra Boulevard, the purchase of all of the necessary property for a connection from Golden Gate Park to Sloat Boulevard taking in the entire width of a block between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh avenues, the improvement of which will be similar to that between Thirteenth and Fourteenth avenues connecting the Presidio with Golden Gate Park. This bond issue, as above referred to, provides for the completion of the Bay Shore Highway, the Alemany Boulevard, the widening and improving of Junipero Serra Boulevard, the completion of the Esplanade and the Great Highway, and the Van Ness Avenue extension to Twelfth and Howard streets.

In addition to the boulevards, there have been a number of improvements made by regrading streets, and other special improvements, notably the Hayes Street re-grade, the Leavenworth Street improvement, Francisco Street between Polk and Larkin, Cumberland and Sanchez streets, Golden Gate Heights, the San Jose Avenue bridge, the tunnel through Stockton Street.

Studies are being made of numerous other projects, including the Broadway tunnel, the improvement and widening of Capp Street which is planned for an ultimate width of 305 feet, and will connect the Van Ness Avenue Extension to Army Street, the extension of the Golden Gate Park Panhandle from Baker Street to Dolores and Market, and the Laguna Honda Boulevard.

While the construction of boulevards occupies a more striking place in the public view, in an article such as this, of no less importance is the extensive amount of street paving work which has been carried on in this time, the blocks and blocks of new paving in the Richmond and Sunset Districts, the Potrero, and in fact over the entire city. The standard of street paving construction has been greatly improved by revision in our specifications to keep abreast of the advance in the art and by more rigid inspection. New types of paving have been introduced and the results are markedly noticeable in the reduced maintenance.

THE original sewer system, if it may be termed a system, was built up in a more or less haphazard way to meet conditions as they arose in the several districts. It had 125 outlets strewn all along the waterfront. The present system was laid out along the lines laid down by a commission appointed to prepare plans for a sewage disposal system, and a large portion of the new system installed since 1904 was the result of two bond issues which provided approximately $6,000,000. These were voted in 1904 and 1908.

Additions to the system have been constructed from time to time out of the meagre appropriations made from year to year in the budget. San Francisco has grown enormously since 1904 and at the present time we are about $5,000,000 behind in our sewer construction program, although to date approximately $8,000,000 have been expended.

In the present system there are five main outlets and ten relief storm water outlets. The locations of the five main outlets were determined after exhaustive studies and observations of tidal currents along the shore line to insure against the return shoreward of the sewage. The ten relief storm outlets, carrying only the overflow in times of heavy rainfall, are located principally along the east and southeast shores.

Some of the more important elements of the main sewer system completed in the last sixteen years are the Mile Rock tunnel, nine feet by eleven feet under Sutro Hights, which discharges the flow from the Sunset, Richmond and Ingleside Districts; the Forty-eighth Avenue Pumping Station, where

the domestic sewage flowing into the intercepting main is separated and pumped to Twenty-sixth Avenue and Fulton Street, whence it flows by gravity to the Baker's Beach outfall which extends 800 feet into the ocean to a point where the Golden Gate Straits current is effective in carrying it further seaward; the North Point main, nearly six miles long, drains the easterly and southerly districts, which has its outlet at the foot of Sansome Street; the Forty-third Avenue main and the Thirtieth Avenue sewers have just been completed in the Sunset District, opening up an area of 815 acres. This ranges in size from the two feet by three feet egg-shape, to a five-foot six-inch circular sewer, with a total length of four miles.

IN ORDER to provide additional space within the city limits for industrial development, the City Engineer co-operated and sponsored the formation of the Islais Creek Reclamation District, which will reclaim 280 acres of tide lands south of Army Street and east of San Bruno. This entire area will be accessible to spur tracks of the Southern Pacific, Western Pacific and Santa Fe, and is also accessible by the Bay Shore Boulevard and the Alemany Boulevard.

The principal features of this project are: the construction of a rock retaining wall approximately 2100 feet in length, with its foundations forty feet in depth providing thirty feet of water at low tide; a turning basin is contemplated at the westerly end of the channel, and material dredged from the channel and its entrance will be placed behind the retaining wall and over the mud flats creating this very important industrial district. The entire expense of this construction will be borne by assessment of the properties benefited.

FOLLOWING the earthquake and fire of 1906, bonds were voted for the construction of an auxiliary high pressure fire system. This provided for ninety-one miles of heavy cast iron mains; 100 cisterns located at vantage points throughout the city; the Twin Peaks reservoir, holding 10,000,000 gallons at an elevation of 760 feet; and two pumping stations. As a result of this installation, an annual saving of $1,500,000 in insurance rates was made.

While a large portion of the construction of this system was completed prior to the present City Engineer's taking office, it remained for him to complete the work then under way, and from time to time to recommend and supervise the installation of extensions to this system.

One of the notable projects in connection with the fire protection system is the central fire alarm station, located in Jefferson Square, on Eddy Street, which was designed in the City Engineer's office and constructed under its supervision.

IN THE foregoing, only the more notable elements of an engineering nature involved in the building of our city have been referred to. Other very important elements handled by other departments of the city are the wonderful Civic Center and other public buildings, including the schools, hospitals, etc., and the parks and playgrounds which have been constructed simultaneously with the development of these engineering projects to work out a harmonious development of the entire city as a center of commercial industry, and as an educational and art center, all making for a place well worth living in.

The foregoing summary may give some idea of the extent and variety of the activities of this office; it does not, however, give the reader any realization of the extent of the studies necessarily made, of the constant endeavors to secure funds to finance these projects, of the continuous campaign of education necessary to inform the general public as to the necessity and desirability of many of the various projects, the vast amount of study put into the projects which never materialize, nor does it give you an adequate picture of the splendid organization of the office, the loyalty and high standard of the men employed to carry on this work of building a city.

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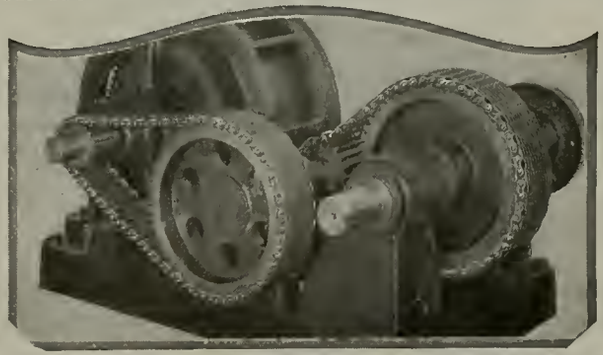

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The Municipal Railway

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used. This means that very accurate measurements have to be made on the ground and complete drawings worked up so as to give the manufacturers exact dimensions, for it is essential that, when the existing track rails are cut and the special work installed, it must fit exactly.

It is necessary to allow from four to six months from the time of placing the order until receipt of track material. In order that the power supply may be available when required, it is necessary to make arrangements a year in advance as the electrical generators have to be made to order in the East, involving a period of from seven to ten months, following which they must be set up and tested before delivery.

Street cars require the preparation and award of four contracts and involve not less than eight months' time for delivery.

After material contracts have been entered into and the material delivery is fixed, it is necessary to prepare contracts for constructing the track work and installing the trolley poles and electrical work in the city streets, involving the tearing up of the pavement, the laying of the rails and the repaving, the installation of trolley poles, the stringing of trolley wires, the putting down of underground conduits and the installation of the feeder cables and the connection of these cables to the power stations.

The time of awarding these contracts is carefully co-ordinated with the deliveries of the materials, permitting the contractor to proceed and complete the work without any delays.

Concrete trolley poles have been standard with Municipal Railway for the past fourteen years and, in accordance with our usual practice, these are made and set and the trolley wires put up prior to the commencement of the track work, making it possible for the contractor doing the track work to have electric power available. Electricity is essential in the work of connecting the ends of the rails together electrically, to permit the current taken from the trolley wire by the cars to flow back to the power house through the rails. The work is known as "bonding" and involves the electric brazing of short flexible copper ribbons across the gap between the ends of adjacent rails.

The work done by the contractors is carefully watched and checked by inspectors under the direction of the City Engineer. Many questions come up from day to day involving engineering advice which is also supplied by the City Engineer.

By the careful co-ordination of all the elements, it is possible to place in operation quite an extended length of railway in from ten months to one year from the time authorization is given. In constructing the Exposition lines, the issuance of bonds was approved on August 26, 1913, and on August 15, 1914, less than one year thereafter, the first line was placed in operation, other lines following in very short order. This required the preparation of a very elaborate and ingenious program which gave consideration to all elements of the work. This program became a very great driving force, as it plainly showed how the failure to complete any one element on time could delay all of the work.

In addition to the construction of the roads, good service demands that they be well maintained. The City Engineer also follows this feature of the railway activities. Some of the replacement work involves considerable engineering skill as the service cannot be interrupted while rails are being laid or special work is being replaced.

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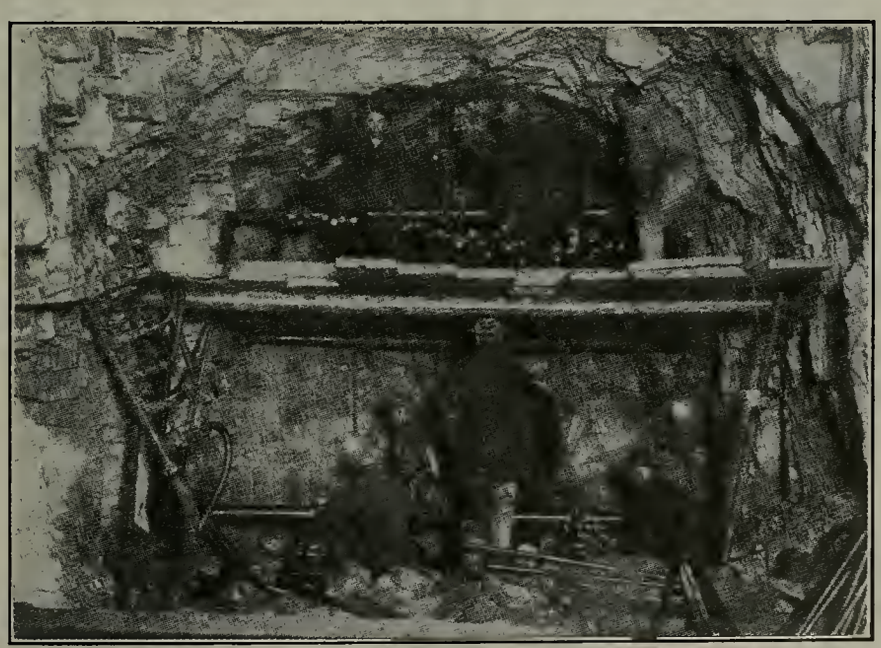

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April, 1928

Water Bonds Vital Issue

BY FAR the most important single civic interest today is the passage of the water bonds at the election on May 1, and as this issue of the MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE goes to press the forces of the city are lining up for an intensive educational campaign on their behalf. The campaign will be under the able direction of Acting Mayor Franck R. Havenner and of former United States Senator James D. Phelan who is at the head of the Citizens' Committee.

The heads and hearts of the people are right on Hetch Hetchy. They know how vital the early completion of this great project is to the growth of San Francisco and there is little doubt as to how they will vote. An energetic campaign, however, is necessary to bring out sufficient electors to insure the necessary two-thirds majority. Chronic enemies of municipal ownership will muster their full strength. Twice as many good citizens will have to go to the polls to insure victory. Municipal employees may do their part in promoting interest in the election among their friends and in seeing that these friends cast their ballots on election day. A failure of the bonds, if that were possible, would be nothing short of disaster.

Acquisition of the Spring Valley system is just as important, for it is as necessary to have a means of distributing Hetch Hetchy water when it is brought here as it is to complete the project itself. It is unthinkable that an intelligent community will spend nearly $80,000,000 to bring mountain water to its gates only to turn it over then to a private corporation to buy it back at a higher price at its water taps.

THIS month the eyes of the western world will be on San Francisco and its airport when the city stages its aviation circus and exposition at Mills Field. San Francisco has done a bigger job than many of us realize at Mills Field and now it is doing still better with the presentation of the greatest exposition of the aircraft industry that has ever been held. Chairman Milo Kent of the Airport Committee and his colleagues, Supervisors Gallagher and McGovern, are entitled to great credit.

Another side of the manifold activities of the city is seen in the announcement of the Auditorium Committee that the Spring Music Festival this year will present the famous Bach "Passion According to St. Matthew." This is an ambitious undertaking and, under the leadership of Alfred Hertz, is assured of success.

Vote the Water Bonds

Future of City Hangs on Election in May

MAYOR JAMES ROLPH, JR.
—Photo by Bushnell

By MAYOR JAMES ROLPH, JR.

THE two projects to be submitted to the voters in the bond election on May 1 will finally solve San Francisco's water problem.

One of these projects is the $24,000,000 Hetch Hetchy bond issue, the proceeds from which will construct the tunnels and pipe lines necessary to bring the water to San Francisco from the east side of the San Joaquin Valley.

The other item in the bond issue will provide $41,000,000 for the purchase of the Spring Valley Water Company distribution and reservoir system complete.

When these bonds are passed, San Franciscans may turn the taps and receive their own Hetch Hetchy water. This will bring to a successful and profitable status the investment of San Francisco in Hetch Hetchy.

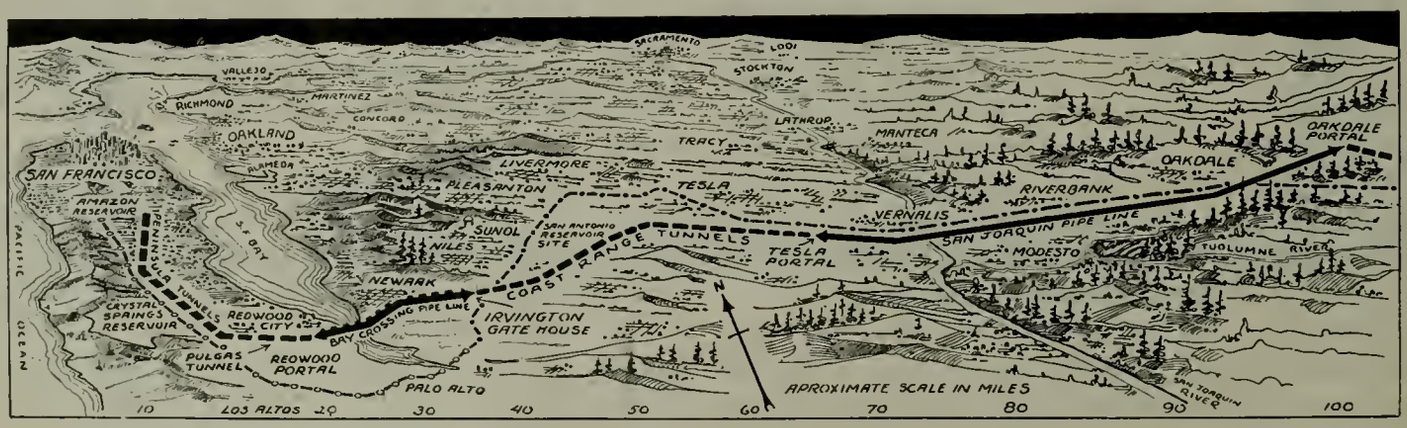
The Spring Valley Water Company is a concern making a net profit of more than $2,000,000 a year and this will grow larger as the city's population increases. It is necessary that we acquire this Spring Valley system, for otherwise the city would be forced to tear up the streets, install new and expensive water mains and an entire new system at a prohibitive cost.

WATER is the most important factor in the growth of a city. Great industries contemplating the erection of factories first take into consideration available land, and next available water and power. Water must not only be available in large quantities but at a reasonable cost, if industries are to be attracted to San Francisco.

We are now going to take this $2,000,000 a year, which a private company has been making from the sale of water, and return it to the taxpayers by the ownership of their water supply system. While the amount of the bond issue is a large figure, still the profit to be made from the investment will more than pay for the bonds, so that San Francisco shall come into possession of its own municipal water system without a cent of cost to the tax-payer and by merely loaning our name for the support of the bonds.

The price which the city is paying for Spring Valley is extremely low and if it is not acquired at this time this price is bound to rise. It is necessary, therefore, that the voters acquire this water system now when the price is right. The city now has an option on the Spring Valley properties, but this option will expire in a short time.

Enemies of the purchase of Spring Valley Water



Company are either those who have personal selfish motives at heart or who possess a lack of understanding of the project.

There is no opportunity for the city to lose money on this transaction. No other business can be figured with more certainty. Risk does not exist. During 1926 Spring Valley water sales were $6,066,847, and the company paid out $1,680,000 in stock dividends, $1,100,000 in bond interest and stored up a surplus of $114,465.

UNDER city ownership, the gross expenses last year would have been $4,237,554, including interest on the $41,000,000 worth of bonds. The net margin over and above the bond charges would have been somewhat less than $2,000,000, according to Randall Ellis, the city's evaluation expert. Mr. Ellis figures the last five years' profits at $17,176,000.

This margin, first, absolutely guarantees that the system will "buy itself" out of earned income; second, that needed extensions and improvements will be paid for out of earnings; third, that water rates will be relieved more and more as the years pass. Money now taken out of the system for dividends and high "overhead" salaries will go back into the system for improvements and lowered rates.

The added safety from fire, due to an improved system, will also lower insurance rates in the city, while cheaper water will encourage city growth and bring new taxable wealth to San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO is unique among the large cities of the United States in that it does not own its own water system. Philadelphia has owned its own water supply for nearly a hundred years, and delivers water to its citizens at 6 cents per 1000 gallons. Chicago has owned its water supply for more than half a century and delivers water to its citizens for 9 cents per 1000 gallons. The people of Los Angeles, with their own water system, pay 17 cents per 1000 gallons, Seattle pays 10 cents, Portland 10 cents and Detroit 6½ cents. San Francisco pays 37 cents per 1000 gallons for its water supply.

There can be no legitimate argument against the purchase of Spring Valley Water Company or the completion of the Hetch Hetchy project, in which the people have invested so large a sum of money. To argue today against the purchase of Spring Valley Water Company is to argue against the final step being taken in the development of Hetch Hetchy—the step which will bring us to a point where we may realize profits on our investment.

Up to now, Hetch Hetchy has been in the construction period, during which time it has been necessary for us to spend without realizing returns. Now, however, we have only to purchase our distribution system finally to begin to receive returns from our great Hetch Hetchy project, one of the finest with which any city was ever endowed.

Chief O'Shaughnessy and Mayor Rolph at the dedication of O'Shaughnessy Dam

—Photo by Chaffee

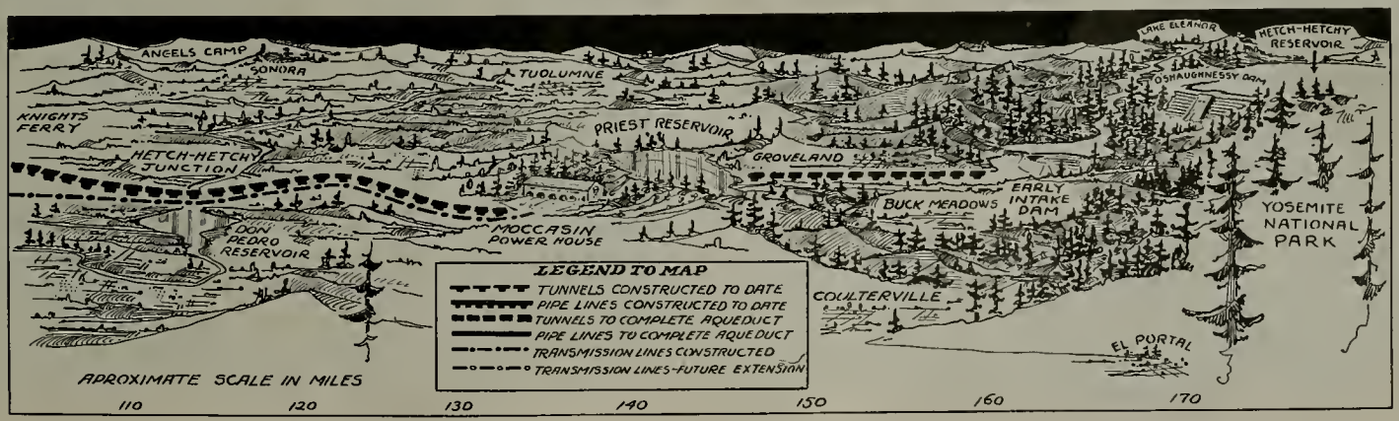
The city's all-time water supply is already stored up in the Sierras in the huge Hetch Hetchy reservoir; all that remains to be done is the completion of the tunnel conduits that will bring this water to San Francisco.

And we must have Spring Valley owned by the city, or this mountain water cannot benefit the people.

Under long-standing plans, the Hetch Hetchy conduit flows directly into Crystal Springs Lake of the Spring Valley system, and on to the existing mains in the city itself. This is the only economical arrangement; no other peninsula reservoir sites exist and, if they did, it would be an absurdity to think of attempting to install a duplicate distributing system in a city the size of San Francisco.

It is financially absurd to think of turning over Hetch Hetchy water, San Francisco's own supply, to a private company for a song, to be sold to the people of this city at the present thirty-seven-cent rate. Hetch Hetchy is publicly owned, and the receiving reservoirs and distributing system at this end must be publicly owned too, or our tremendous Hetch Hetchy investment is sacrificed.

Congress permitted us to have Hetch Hetchy under the Raker Act. Let us make the most of this glorious project by voting the bonds on May 1, so that we may have municipal water, that we may have more industries, greater prosperity and increased population.



The Business of Handling a City's Millions

By JOHN H. THIELER
City Treasurer

CITY TREASURER JOHN H. THIELER
—Photo by Boye

THE city treasury is not simply a strong box to hold the municipal millions, gathered from the Grand Army of Taxpayers, and held just long enough to be disbursed for public necessities, civic projects, and, some say unkindly, some facetiously, to give sustenance to a lesser army of "tax-eaters."

A casual observer, strolling through the marble corridors of America's most beautiful city hall, and seeing long lines of bright young school teachers, stalwart guardians of the peace, fire fighters and civil servants generally, might associate the City Treasurer's domain with the Kolb and Dill idea of a bank. It is truly a place to "put in" and "take out."

Receiving money each legal working day from every city office, department and commission, as well as many other sources, is a portion of each day's routine. Paying out salaries and wages to approximately 11,000 city employees, twice each month and meeting the multitudinous demands incident to the enormously increasing business of the city, constitutes another important duty. During the last year the office paid out a total of $55,008,419.47. Under the Charter all payments must be made in cash. No checks are issued by the Treasurer, so his merry crew of money handlers have become adepts at peeling off the $10,000 Federal Notes.

But the treeasurer and his force have many duties and responsibilities in addition to the "putting in" and "taking out" process. The office may receive a number of millions from a bond transaction, or a similar amount from a tax deposit, or it may hand out currency to the extent of several hundred thousands on a typical "pay day," but the game of endeavoring to pick up bond bargains, and loan out the city's money to the maximum advantage, appeals to him the most. He orders out every dollar over and above current needs. Every dollar must do its bit in bringing home the financial bacon in the way of earned interest. A monthly average of $10,500,000 is loaned to city and state banks subject to call.

OWING to the policy of the present Board of Supervisors in not consummating bond sales of such large magnitude as in former years, the construction bond accounts, established through bond sales, do not permit of large investments over comparatively long periods. Hence securities acquired by the Treasurer must be of a character readily and profitably transferred at short notice. Bonds of California political subdivisions are the type usually dealt in, and of recent months, municipal money has been out on a 4.05 to 4.30 earning basis.

The business of caring for these bond deals, custodianship, accounting, clipping of coupons payable to the city, falls to the office force. The duties are obvious, paralleling similar work in down town banks, and the details need not be dwelt upon, except to draw attention to the bond department of the city treasury.

At this writing the Treasurer holds in the city vaults $4,828,650 par value ($5,016,627.59 book value) investment bonds belonging to the City Employees' Retirement Fund, which will earn interest for their Pension Fund during the current fiscal year amounting to $270,000.

Surplus money, temporarily idle, of the School Bond Fund of 1923, is being invested by the Treasurer in short term securities, and the earnings therefrom will build many a class-room and in time a school.

Authorized by city ordinance to do likewise with any temporary surplus existing in the funds of the Municipal Railway, the Treasurer estimates that during the present fiscal year the Railway funds will show an increase in net income—resulting from interest on bond purchases and profits from advantageous sales of bonds—of approximately $73,500.

Trust funds such as the $41,000 Robinson Bequest receive especial attention from the Treasurer who has been able to get higher rates of interest, which has enabled him to increase yearly income from the old figure of $1,900 to the present annual interest return of $2,460, besides buying an additional thousand-dollar bond out of premium profits. The $40,000 was originally donated to the city and county by Henry E. Robinson in 1882. This particular bequest called for joint sanction of the mayor, the finance committee of

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Mills Field Set for World Record Air Show

By MILO KENT
Chairman Airport Committee

THE aviation world will train its spotlight on San Francisco this month and San Francisco will stand the glare with credit to the metropolis of the West.

San Francisco has long been a conspicuous spot on the air map of the United States because of the marked development of this city's own airport at Mills Field, but with the opening of the First Annual Western Aircraft Show here on April 11 San Francisco's importance as an aviation center will be emphasized tremendously. The show will continue until April 15 and it is destined to prove the biggest exposition in the history of the aircraft industry.

It remained for the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce to conceive and execute the idea of a great aircraft show in this city, and unbounded credit is due that live organization of our young business men for the efficiency that has attended the plans for the huge undertaking.

On behalf of the Airport Committee of the Board of Supervisors, composed of Supervisors Andrew J. Gallagher, Frank J. McGovern and myself, I want to take this occasion to express our gratitude to the Junior Chamber of Commerce for the great benefits that will be reaped for San Francisco and Mills Field through the First Annual Western Aircraft Show. The Airport Committee stands ready to co-operate in every possible manner to aid in its success.

Mills Field will be the center of the show program with day and night exhibits and flights.

THE show will commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the aircraft industry, depicting its phenomenal strides since the first flight of the Wright Brothers' plane at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in 1903, down to today's achievements in air transportation. During the show this city's airport will be visited by the greatest figures in the aviation world and San Francisco may well be proud of this opportunity to prove that Mills Field has earned the classification of "America's Model Municipal Airport."

The purpose of the show, as announced by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is to "stimulate the airmindedness of the public." There will be no charge to exhibitors for space or to the public for any event of the ambitious program.

Indorsements of the First Annual Western Aircraft Show have come from the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, Inc.; Aeronautics Branch, United States Department of Commerce; National Aeronautic Association, San Francisco Chapter; San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and the Airport Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

SUPERVISOR MILO KENT
—Photo by Boye

Exhibits of models, instruments, samples of construction and accessories will be shown in Hangar No. 1 at Mills Field. Aircraft will be on exhibition within a fenced-off area on the field, where no propellers will turn. The public will be permitted to enter the inclosure and inspect the planes. Attendants will explain all features of the aircraft to the visitors. Insofar as space is available all aircraft may be stored in Hangar No. 2, free of charge. Exhibits will open each day at noon and close at 10 p. m.

SCORES of leading Pacific Coast aircraft manufacturers and distributors have already secured show space and applications are coming in steadily to the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The United States Army and Navy will participate in the show program and their aircraft will be exhibited.

The Navy's aircraft carriers, Langley, Saratoga and Lexington, will be in San Francisco Bay with the United States Fleet during the show and their great squadrons of fighting planes will conduct maneuvers over Mills Field and the city each day. The show will attract the greatest concentration of aircraft ever assembled anywhere.

The National Aeronautic Association, co-operating with the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will contribute two important events to the show program. These will be the projection of the motion picture, "History of Aviation," at the Civic Auditorium on the night of April 11, and an "Aviation Ball" at the Palace Hotel on the night of April 14, which is expected to be one

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Some Words of Appreciation

San Francisco, March 22, 1928.

Editor Municipal Employee:

I have examined with a great deal of interest the special Engineering Department edition of our Municipal Employee Magazine for the month of March.

This is a splendid tribute to City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy and to all of those other individuals in my administration who have worked so hard and unceasingly for the building of a bigger and better San Francisco.

I was happy to learn that your April and May issues will both he devoted to the proposed water bond issues, and I compliment you, in advance, for the public-spiritedness which has caused you to devote special attention to this important matter.

With every good wish for your continued success and with my thanks for the unselfish co-operation that you are giving the City and County Government, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) JAMES ROLPH, Jr.,
Mayor.

(Telegram)

Washington, D. C., March 25, 1928.

Editor Municipal Employee:

I have read with great interest our March number of the Municipal Employee. Allow me to commend you for the splendid exhibit of municipal accomplishments. It is a really reputable showing of the undertakings of the great city of San Francisco.

(Signed) M. M. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
City Engineer.

San Francisco, March 28, 1928.

Editor Municipal Employee:

Your March issue, dedicated to the Engineering Department, deserves the careful perusal, not only of our City and County employees, but of every citizen who is so fortunate as to obtain a copy.

The necessity of passing the water bond issues on May 1st is so urgent that your prompt and substantial contribution in the form of your Engineering number calls for the gratitude and commendation of every thoughtful citizen.

Let us congratulate you upon a superb and comprehensive contribution to the reputation of City Engineer O'Shaughnessy, as well as an effective effort towards the successful culmination of the election on May 1st.

Very truly yours,

T. A. REARDON,
President Board of Public Works.
F. W. MEYER,
Commissioner Board of Public Works.
S. J. HESTER,
Secretary Board of Public Works.

San Francisco, March 22, 1928.

Editor Municipal Employee:

The fine spirit of service and efficiency that our magazine has been developing during the past several months among the employees of the city and county of San Francisco is certainly enhanced by the wonderful issue that you have just published for the Engineering Department at the request of Mr. O'Shaughnessy. The staff of the Municipal Employee and the firms and individuals whose generous co-operation, through advertisements, made this issue possible, are deserving of the gratitude of every citizen.

I understand that at the request of the Mayor and other executives, you are devoting the next two numbers to intensive work on the Bond Issues. The position the Magazine holds in the city must make your efforts very effective and I am sure you will obtain generous co-operation from every one who can aid.

In closing, let me congratulate you again and assure you that the Sheriff's department will assist you in every way possible in the work you are doing for our city and county.

(Signed) WILLIAM J. FITZGERALD,
Sheriff.

San Francisco, March 28, 1928.

Editor Municipal Employee:

I have just finished reading the March Engineering Number of our magazine and I hasten to offer my congratulations to you and the staff of the Municipal Employee upon its excellence. As the first of the series explaining the necessity of passing the water bonds at the forthcoming election on May 1, it cannot help but have a material effect in bringing about the favorable results desired by all.

It is my sincere wish that the April and May issues may carry on the good work and that you get the co-operation of all good citizens who are interested in the progress of San Francisco, especially those advertisers whose assistance makes your work possible.

Again let me add my word of praise for what you have already accomplished and assure you I will watch with interest our future editions.

(Signed) JOHN H. THIELER,
Treasurer.

San Francisco, March 22, 1928.

Editor Municipal Employee:

In anticipating the Engineering Department Edition of our publication, The Municipal Employee, I had not contemplated the appearance of anything quite so elaborate, so comprehensive and so thoroughly artistic and satisfactory as our March number has proven to be.

It certainly must meet general recognition as a creation which would reflect credit upon any magazine effort, and I wish at this time to compliment you and your confreres, not alone over its wise assemblage of important contributions, bearing upon the city's great work at Hetch Hetchy, but also upon the remarkable expression of approval voiced by the great number of those who in large measure, are dependent upon advertising for success.

It is something of which we may all be proud and I trust you will receive my hearty congratulations with the assurance that they could not possibly be more sincere.

Yours for success and co-operation,

(Signed) THOS. F. BOYLE,
City and County Auditor.

Wills of the Great

By HENRY BOYEN

Decoration by Thomas G. Jacques

(Continued from February Issue)

DRAKE, who died far from his beloved Queen, "her Majestie Elizabeth," in his ship off the coast of South America, whence he had come braving the known dangers of the deep, and the unknown dangers of strange lands and peoples, for the glory of England, and to satisfy his own restless heart, died in 1595. His explorations and the report of them, read by the Spanish crown, led to the arduous search for the Bay of San Francisco, discovered and mentioned by him in his own records, and the settling of the missions in California by the Franciscan fathers. It was more than a hundred years after he had made his memorable trip that the Spaniards used his notes. His will is very simple and direct.

HE begins, "Foreasmuch as all men are born to die, that the time of our departure out of this mortal life is most uncertain, and for that we are but stewards for the time to dispose of such things as God hath lent us as maie be best for the glorie of his heavenlie majestie, and the welfare of our owne soules, as well as in consideration whereof as also for that I, Sir Francis Drake of Budslond in the County of Devon, Knight, am now called into action by her Majestie, wherein I am to hazard my life as well in the defence of Christes Gospell as for the good of my Prince and Countrie,—."

His will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, as soon as news of his death reached England. His first care was for the poor of Plymouth, to whom he left forty pounds. To the "Mawdlyn Home," the refuge to the unfortunate women still called by gentleness Magdalens as a bid for Christian tolerance he left another forty pounds. His estate he left to his brother and nephews, and to his wife, Elizabeth, "all of her clothing and household gear," and instructed his executors how to preserve her interests in "the jointure."

He had little or nothing to say about the state or the politics of the time, and his anxiety for his country was merely that he laid down his life in her service, and "a good steward to dispose of such things as God hath lent him."

IN direct contrast is the will of Napoleon. The fiery and insatiable genius of the Corsican emperor of France, held in leash by his political captors, and his illness, which laid his body low and left his spirit free to brood over his approaching death and the decay of his greatness, flared to a last brilliance in his will.

He worked at it for ten or eleven days, thinking every now and then of some old servant, or an old companion in arms that must be given a token to remember him by. It was as though he distrusted their love for him a little, and made sure that a concrete thing might act as a reminder of the loyalty that he hoped would persist. At the last, the man who had never been loath to use his friends and his foes alike for his own purposes, craved a kindly memory.

The man's passionate love for his son, in whom he saw the possible perpetuation of his ambitions, is all through the will, and in the second document, directed to his only legitimate heir, he summed up the very cream of his genius for statescraft. This last codicil, written less than two weeks before his death, visioning another reign of a Bonaparte in France, is of prophetic quality. New political forms, with an appeal for the union of Europe, and for a future understanding among the peoples to promote liberty, equality, civilization, talent and commerce, are set down with the prescience that comes just before death.

"My son should not think of avenging my death; he should profit by it. . . The aim of his efforts should be, to reign by peace; if he should recommence my wars out of pure love of imitation and without any absolute necessity, he would be a mere ape. To do my work over again would be to suppose that I had done nothing; the same thing is not done twice in a century. I was obligated to daunt Europe by arms; in the present day, the way is to convince her reason. I have implanted new ideas in France and in Europe; they cannot retrograde. Let my son bring into blossoms all that I have sown. . . ." and later, "I bequeath to my son sufficient strength and sympathy to enable him to continue my work with the sole aid of a lofty and conciliatory diplomacy. . . . Let him do by general consent what circumstances forced me to work for by force of arms. . . . Let the kings listen to reason. Europe will no longer provide matter for maintaining international hatreds. . . . All that you say to my son or all that he learns, will be of little use to him, unless he has in the depths of his heart that

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The Story of Mt. Davidson

By WILLIAM F. BENEDICT
Assistant Secretary to Mayor Rolph

SAN FRANCISCO has often been spoken of as "the city loved around the world." With her hills, she is beautiful, and it is easy to love beauty. Were San Francisco a "plain" city, her fame might not be so far-reaching.

Like Rome, she is builded upon seven major hills, Telegraph Hill, Rincon Hill, Nob Hill, Russian Hill, Lone Mt., Twin Peaks, and Mt. Davidson.

Mt. Davidson, the highest and perhaps most beautiful because of its tree-covered slopes, is of great interest to San Franciscans, especially in the spring when its slopes shelter over seventy-five varieties of wild flowers and its crest becomes the mecca of the Easter pilgrim.

This highest peak in San Francisco was not always covered with stately eucalyptus, cedar, and pine. In the days when Don Jose de Jesus Noe owned his San Miguel Rancho, it was a barren rocky hill, sheltering the quiet valley of the Mission from the cold winds of the Pacific.

In 1852 this barren hill was surveyed by the Geodetic Coast Survey, under George Davidson, and named Blue Mountain.

IN THE early eighties Adolph Sutro owned Mt. Davidson and under his direction trees were planted on its slopes by the city's unemployed and by school children. By 1911, the young saplings had grown into sturdy trees, and the tree-covered Blue Mountain's name was changed to Mt. Davidson in honor of George Davidson, the director of the Pacific Geodetic Coast Survey. In 1916 the U. S. Government recognized the name on the maps.

George Davidson (above), and Mrs. Edmund N. Brown, head of the Mount Davidson Conservation Committee

George Davidson came to California in 1850 and for five years he was engaged in determining geographical positions from San Diego to Puget Sound. In 1858 he married a Miss Ellinor Fauntleroy of Virginia, whom he brought to California. They spent their honeymoon on Mt. Tamalpais, which he was surveying.

Professor Davidson's frequent connection with important events in the history of the United States is well illustrated by his assignments for 1867. In January he was detailed on duty as engineer of a party sent to the Isthmus of Panama to search for the best location for a ship canal. A few months later he was sent to Alaska to report upon resources of that country with a view to ascertaining the advisability of adding it to the United States.

Professor Davidson determined the eastern boundary of California. In 1873 he started the survey of the Sierra Nevada and Coast ranges. The same year he was sent to report upon the irrigation and reclamation methods of China, India, Egypt and Europe by President Grant.

His astronomical work includes the observations of several total solar eclipses. He was in charge of expeditions to Japan in 1874 and to New Mexico in 1882.

In 1896 he finished an investigation upon the discovery of San Francisco Bay from unpublished manuscripts. He was first to make known the existence of a close inshore eddy current running northwards along the Pacific Coast, now known by his name.

He maintained at his own expense the first astronomical observatory on the Pacific Coast and largely influenced James Lick to found Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton. In spite of failing eyesight he worked on historical papers up to a short time before his passing in 1911 at his home, 2221 Washington Street, at the age of 86.

Other men associated with the story of Mt. Davidson are A. S. Baldwin and James G. Decatur.

After Adolph Sutro's death, the late Mr. Baldwin was appointed appraiser, and in settling the Sutro estate he formed a company which purchased the Mt. Davidson property. For the pleasure of the public the company put in the trails which lead to the summit where the first cross, the inspiration of James G. Decatur, was erected in 1923 for the Sunrise Easter services in San Francisco.

Dean J. Wilmer Gresham of Grace Cathedral preached the first Easter sermon on Mt. Davidson in the rain. He afterwards remarked to his wife that he had at least preached one sermon that was not "dry."

WHILE Margaret Mary Morgan, San Francisco's first woman supervisor, and Mrs. A. S. Baldwin were members of the Sunrise Easter Committee, women's active association with Mt. Davidson's history did not begin until 1926, when the subdividers' axe and steam shovel were heard on Mt. Davidson's lower slopes, destroying in ruthless fashion the beauties of nature.

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City Welcomes New Supervisor

SAN FRANCISCO welcomed a new member of its official family on Monday, March 19, when Sylvester Andriano, able and successful lawyer from North Beach, took his seat on the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Andriano had been named by Mayor Rolph to fill the vacancy on the Board created through the tragic death of John B. Badaracco.

Mr. Andriano brings to the Board a keen mind, an acquaintanceship with municipal affairs gleaned through active interest in civic problems and a sincere love for the city of his adoption. His appointment was hailed as a happy choice not only for the city at large, but for the North Beach district so long ably represented by Badaracco.

—Photo by Fisher

On the day of his introduction to his new duties Andriano was the guest of honor at a luncheon at the Elks' Club of which he is a member. Mayor Rolph and other members of the Board were present to do him honor. The new supervisor was born in Italy in 1890, coming to San Francisco in 1901 when but 11 years old. He attended the public schools of this city and then went to St. Mary's College from which he graduated in 1911. Four years later he graduated from the Hastings College of Law and hung out his shingle as a practicing attorney. For some time he was associated with James A. Bacigalupi, now president of the Bank of Italy. He has won the reputation of being an excellent speaker, and is highly regarded by members of the Italian colony in whose affairs he has taken an active interest.

He is an accomplished linguist, speaking five languages. He is attorney for the Italian Consul-General, the Italian Chamber of Commerce, the Italian Hospital, the Union Sportiva Italiana, and the Italian Board of Relief. For years he has been active in the affairs of the Knights of Columbus. He was district deputy of the organization here and is a past grand knight of Dante Council. He is also chairman of the Catholic Education Committee of the State Convention, Knights of Columbus.

The Night Shift Goes to Work in the Mayor's Office

IT USED to be that the office of Mayor of San Francisco was more or less of a day job, as far as routine was concerned, and the only things which ordinarily involved the Mayor's time at night were such social engagements as he might accept.

Today, with the tremendous growth of the city and the consequent increase of municipal activities and affairs, the Mayor's is what might almost be called a twenty-four-hour-a-day job which necessitates his working far into the wee small hours when most of the city is wrapped in slumber.

All day long the Mayor, his secretaries and staff are engaged in seeing callers, in answering letters and telephone messages, and in carrying forward a multitude of detail work which keeps up at a steady pressure regardless of the season of the year. There is no "closed season" in municipal affairs.

For instance, when Mayor Rolph is preparing one of his messages to the Board of Supervisors, or some lengthy public statement about an involved problem, his office is the scene of a hurried yet orderly activity; midnight may come and go and for hours thereafter the click of typewriters may be heard. For, not only must the message be written in its original form, but the newspapers must be served, and what are known in the office as "press copies" must be ready by the time the original is released.

Recently the Mayor's staff underwent a series of night sessions in the signing of approximately three thousand five hundred bonds, two recent issues, for water supply and boulevard construction purposes.

These bond-signing sessions usually begin around 11:30 or 12 at night because the early part of the evening is ordinarily devoted by the Mayor to the filling of social engagements of an official nature. On hand, awaiting the Mayor's arrival, are Detective Sergeants Tom Walsh and Tom Daly, and the Mayor's usher, Leonard Harris. Usually one or two of the stenographers are present, Miss Button, Miss Coombs or Miss Elder and, very often, either Ed Rainey, the Mayor's executive secretary, or William F. Benedict, his assistant secretary, or the Mayor's private stenographer, Walter J. Felix. The Mayor has the habit of signing bonds and dictating letters at the same time, something difficult to do during the usual office hours because of the number of visitors.

In most instances the Mayor's signature is the last one to be attached to the bonds, they having already been signed by the clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the auditor and the treasurer. The Mayor's signature makes the bonds valid and, being worth $1,000 apiece and negotiable, it is necessary that they be protected. Their serial numbers are carefully checked before they are returned to the vaults of the city treasurer.

The bonds are signed in India ink and the signature

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Wills of the Great

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sacred fire and love of good which alone can achieve great things. I hope, however, that he will be worthy of his destiny."

HIS adoration of his mother, and her constant nobility throughout his life, is many times expressed in his will. His belief in her excellence is only overshadowed by his belief in his own. "I wish my executors to make a collection of engravings, pictures, books and medals which may give my son sound ideas, and destroy the erroneous ideas which the policy of a foreign land may have tried to impress on him. I want him to be able to see things as they really were. My memory will be the glory of his life. . . . I hope she (his mother) will leave him some such precious legacy as her own portrait and my father's, or some trinkets which he will know have come down to him from his grandparents."

Then his desire for a hero's grave. "It is my wish that my ashes shall be laid to rest on the banks of the Seine, in the midst of the French people, which I have loved so well."

Rather pathetically he tells his "beloved wife" that he retains for her the most tender sentiments, and beseeches her to watch over their son, that he shall not forget he was born a Frenchman.

His wealth, amassed during his vivid career, from the time when he had not enough to pay his laundrywoman, amounted to more than 200,000,000 francs. Half of it is bequeathed to the surviving officers and men who fought in the campaigns with him, and the other half to the provincal towns and communes that had suffered in the two invasions. Then there are legacies to ninety-seven specified individuals, from a special property of 20,000,000 francs of whose ownership he felt more secure than of the great imperial treasure.

Of his personal possessions, he was equally exact. He chose an appropriate item for each of his relatives, leaving his silver night light, which he had used in St. Helena, to his mother, and to his son, the numerous swords and trinkets which had been identified with his greatest triumphs. Alas for the poor little son! The burden of his father's greatness was too much for the fragile body which Napoleon had also bequeathed him. He died at twenty-one.

Even to the formal letter which Napoleon dictated to the authorities, announcing his own death, with only the date left to be filled in, shows how conscious he was of his place in history. Perhaps if he had not been so punctilious about the elaborate disposition of his affairs, the historians would have given him less notice. Even historians are likely to take documentary evidence and a multitude of press notices as indicative of greatness. Most of the best known figures in history were voluminous writers. However, that is only conjecture.

IT is in Benjamin Franklin's will that one may find the quaint kinks in the nature of the most interesting, in the belief of many historians, of the Revolutionary group. Napoleon had tried to forget his humble origin. Franklin was almost snobbish about being a self-made man. His will begins "I, Benjamin Franklin, printer," and then to show the distance he had come, "late minister plenipotentiary from the United States to the court of France, ond now president of the state of Pennsylvania."

He makes his daughter heir to his principal fortune, with her husband and children, and with very specific instructions. His books and papers, carefully catalogued as befits the slightly finicky habit of his later years and elaborately listed, he leaves to "William Franklin, late Governor of the Jerseys." His picture of the King of France, set with 408 diamonds, he leaves to his daughter, with the characteristic request that she "shall not form any of these diamonds into ornaments for herself or daughters and thereby introduce or countenance the expensive, vain and useless fashion of wearing jewels in this country." History states that the daughter used the proceeds of the diamonds to pay for a trip to Europe for herself and daughters!

The walking stick that Franklin cites in his will is carefully bequeathed. "My fine crabtree walking stick with a gold head commonly wrought in the form of a cap of Liberty, I give to my friend and the friend of mankind, George Washington. If it were a sceptre he has merited it, and would become it. It was a present to me from that excellent woman Madame de Forbach, the Dowager Duchess of Deux Points, together with the verses which accompanied it." The verses never got to George Washington. Possibly they were lost. His portrait he left the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, "to place it in their chamber if they desire it."

Then comes a most elaborate set of bequests for his beloved native city of Boston, and his no less dear city of adoption, Philadelphia. One hundred pounds sterling he left for the school boys of Boston, to buy medals for the best scholars. Four thousand or more boys have received these medals, and the fund is still being maintained.

He left a large sum, for those days, as a revolving borrowing fund for young artisans of twenty-five years of age, married, who were desirous of founding their own businesses. This fund provided for interest and careful administration, and Franklin visualized the growth of the money into a huge fortune at the end of a hundred years. This money was to be spent in making the Schuylkill River navigable, and in many other public improvements. Among the specified projects was a municipally owned water system for Philadelphia, which would become necessary when the surface water was drained off by pavements and the wells made less productive thereby.

ALAS for the thrifty Franklin! Few young artisans went to the trouble of borrowing a small sum of money with such restrictions, and the money that was to become a huge sum gradually dribbled away through poor administration.

His ledger, with all of the accounts which had not been paid over a period of thirty years or more, he left to a charitable hospital, with the provision that all the moneys collected from his old debtors should be turned to the hospital's account. Also, and here

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The San Francisco Hospital

By Mrs. Mae H. Noonan

EMPLOYEES of the San Francisco Hospital extended a cordial welcome to Dr. Leon M. Wilbor who assumed his duties as superintendent in February. The entire staff of the hospital pledges its support and co-operation.

MRS. MAE H. NOONAN
—Photo by Lafayette Studios

Dr. William C. Hassler, Health Officer was host at a luncheon given in honor of Doctor Wilbor at the hospital. Guests included members of the Board of Health, the visiting and resident staff of the hospital and the heads of the various departments. Tables were set for seventy.

Doctor Hassler gave a brief outline of Doctor Wilbor's qualifications and experience and among other things said that he was a graduate of the University of Buffalo, subsequently a graduate of the New York Psychiatric Institution and a graduate of the Army School.

From 1914 to 1917 he was in charge of psychiatric work; in 1917 he participated in the World War. He was head of the War Risk Insurance Bureau for three years and for three years Assistant Chief of the War Veterans' Bureau, during which time he had the supervision of eighteen hospitals and fifty-two regional offices. The bed capacity of these hospitals was approximately 15,000.

Those present were requested by Doctor Hassler to give their co-operation and loyal assistance to the new superintendent.

Other speakers included Dr. James W. Ward, chairman of the Hospital Committee; Dr. W. Ophuls, Dean of Stanford University Medical School; Dr. L. S. Schmitt, Associate Dean, University of California Medical School; Dr. Harold Brunn, visiting surgeon, University of California service; Miss Ruth Gustafson, Superintendent of Nurses; Dr. Alexander Keenan, member of the Board of Health; Frank J. Klimm, President Board of Health; Arthur H. Barendt, member of the Board of Health, and Doctor Wilbor.

Dr. Ralph Matson, distinguished lung specialist from Portland, Oregon, was also a guest and was introduced to the assembly by Doctor Hassler.

Convalescent patients in the municipal ward last month included Joseph Cochrane, traffic officer; Sidney Desmond, headquarters, Police Department; Joseph Laurence, Board of Public Works; Hugh Kelly, Board of Park Commissioners; Thomas Kelly, Board of Park Commissioners, and Louis Brennan of the Park Commissioners.

Mrs. Pearl V. Longwell, chief anaesthetist, has been seriously ill in ward "S."

Our X-ray institutional nurse, Margaret Dewhurst, was admitted to the municipal ward following an injury to her ankle sustained while on her way to the hospital.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Dr. Carleton Mathewson, house officer on the Stanford service, and to Dr. Lloyd G. Tyler, interne, University of California service, whose mothers have passed away.

We are happy to welcome as members of the resident staff the following: Agnes E. Stodhard, M. D. recently appointed house officer in pediatrics and infectious diseases; Harry M. Blackfield and Albert M. Beekler, internes, University of California service.

Among visitors to the hospital were: Dr. I. C. McIntyre, tuberculosis specialist from New Zealand; Dr. Raymond Voorhees Brokaw, field representative, American Society for Control of Cancer, New York; Dr. J. C. Litzenberg, Chairman Interne Committee of the University of Minnesota; J. J. Van Lonkhuijzen, Director of Public Health Service of the Netherlands, East Indies; Dr. John Lee Hydrick, representative of the International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation, New York; Doctor Kellogg, State Bacteriologist; Dr. H. A. Shimoto of San Francisco and his guests, Dr. M. Fukushi, professor of the Pathological Institute of the Nippon Medical College, Tokyo, Japan, and Dr. K. Kinari, naval surgeon.

On February 24, 1928, twelve members of the grand jury made a tour of inspection of the San Francisco Hospital and were entertained at a luncheon by Doctor Wilbor.

The Mayor's Office

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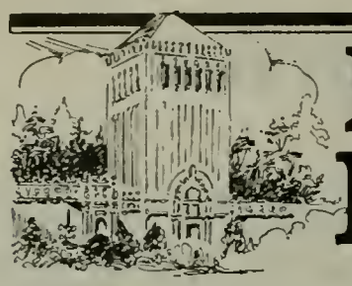
cannot be blotted. Therefore each bond has to be carried by someone of the Mayor's staff to one side of the main reception room where it is laid on the floor with others in shingle-fashion in long rows until the ink dries. The Mayor signs at varying speeds, sometimes attaching as many as five hundred signatures an hour and at other times, as the night wears on and writer's cramp begins to bother him, slowing to about one-half or one-fourth this number.

Citizens passing by the City Hall and seeing the lights in the Mayor's office ofttimes drop in to talk over official or personal business with the Mayor, while his well-known signature, with a great flourish of ink at the end, is being written across each one of the precious documents. At two, three or four o'clock in the morning the Mayor and his staff go home, to be back on the job at 8:30 or 9 o'clock the same morning.

It requires a lot of physical stamina to be Chief Executive of San Francisco, as Mayor James Rolph, Jr., has found out during the past sixteen and one-half years. And Mayor Rolph, champion Mayor of the United States because of his twenty consecutive years of service, exhibits the same tireless energy which characterized him in the recent Bay Bridge hearings before the United States Senate in Washington, D. C.

He's still going strong.



Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

TWO annual events of interest to the children—and therefore to everybody else—are the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 8, and the May Day celebration, including the May pole dances, parade, and various specialties. The Egg Hunt this year is to be a double-header as it was last year: at 10 A. M. the excitement will break loose in Golden Gate Park at the Children's Playground, and at 1:30 P. M. a big hunt will occur at Fleishhacker Playfield.

Thousands of children will undoubtedly take part at both places, and there will be prizes for the lucky finders of the hidden eggs. Superintendent W. V. Belding of the Playground will see to it that all needed precautions are taken for the safety of the children so that mothers need not be worried.

Some new features are promised this year for the May Day celebration. An unusually large number of children will take part in some of the individual events, and there will be several military and other specialties, in addition to the beautiful May Pole dances. The selection of a queen is still to be announced.

The dancing teachers whose classes will take part are: Misses Helen and Peggy O'Neill, Miss Gladys Shoemaker, Miss Daisy Upham and Miss Ellen Rose. The boys' clubs to take part include the California Boys' Club; the Boy Scouts of America, both land and sea branches; the R. O. T. C.; the Columbia Park Boys; the Junior Y. M. I.; and the San Francisco Boys' Club.

W. V. Belding will have general charge of the celebration, while Julius I. Cahn, Commissioner of the San Francisco District, Boy Scouts of America, will be director of the pageant and parade. Phillip Sapiro, Director of the San Francisco Municipal Band, will be musical director and his band will supply the accompaniment for the dances and other numbers. Emmett Fitzgerald of the Playgrounds office will assist in the arrangements. Preliminary plans of the celebration were decided upon at a luncheon given to the interested workers by Mr. and Mrs. Belding March 15, at the Playgrounds cafe.

PARK Superintendent John McLaren has resumed work on the Great Highway and now has a crew of about seventy-five men busily engaged with scrapers, trucks, steam shovels and other equipment, widening the highway and preparing for lawns, shrubbery and drives. The work in progress at present started at Noriega street and will be continued to Lincoln Way. The Esplanade is being extended by the Board of Public Works along the beach by Golden Gate Park to Lincoln Way. When both operations have been completed San Francisco will have a wonderful three-mile boulevard, almost four hundred feet wide, from the Cliff House to Fleishhacker Playfield.

Additional facilities for water sports are being provided by the Park Commission at Aquatic Park and Yacht Harbor. At the latter location berths for ten speed boats have been added; these positions were all taken before the work started; in fact the capacity of the Harbor is considerably short of the demand but more facilities have to await the securing of additional funds.

The flowers in Golden Gate Park have attracted wide attention in the past month and the coming one will see even more beautiful displays. The cherry blossoms at the Japanese Tea Garden were unusually fine and an additional section of the Garden was opened to the public so that the pink flowers of a drooping variety of cherry could be seen. The daffodils about the Water Works in Paul Bohm's bailiwick afforded another great sight, as did the pansies about the Music Concourse in Bob Owens' territory. J. Skinner's display of pansies in front of the conservatory was beautiful and has been succeeded by another of equal or greater beauty, now that the tulips are out.

The next annual show will be the rhododendrons; Max Foehr will have some of these in DeLaveaga Dell and J. J. Campbell in Rhododendron Dell and in the east section of the park just off Stanyan street. Another fine collection is that given by Mrs. Phillip Bowles, which is around Peacock Valley on the Main Drive. A few of the flowers were already out in March but the present month, and more particularly May, should see them at their best. They then form perhaps the most beautiful single picture that Golden Gate Park affords.

HISTORIC Telegraph Hill, now a part of the city's park system, is being beautified by Superintendent McLaren by the planting of trees. Cypresses and eucalyptus as well as ornamental shrubs will cover some of the bare spaces and add to the attractiveness of the Hill.

Duboce Park is now being put back into condition by repairs of the damage done as an incident of the boring of the tunnel. Tree planting for the season has been completed at McLaren Park in the Mission. About a hundred acres of the ultimate 500 or 600 have thus far been acquired by the city. A new third hole for the Lincoln Park golf links is in process of making where landslides had caused damage on the water side of this park.

A club house has been erected by Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park by the San Francisco Fly Casters' Club for the use of its 140 members. The Park Commission granted the necessary permission and the club now has a comfortable headquarters. The construction is rustic, with walls of eucalyptus logs with the bark on and a roof of redwood shakes. Inside is a social room with electric fireplace and comfortable benches beside it. Lockers big enough for full length rods are provided.

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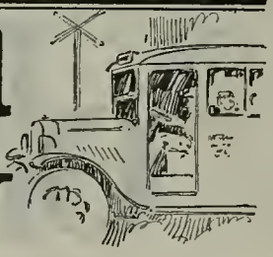
Municipal Railway



By EUGENE W. CLISBEE

PROBABLY no other line of business presents as difficult a problem in arranging working hours of employees as is met with in compiling schedules or time tables, which govern the hours of street railway platform men. In the old days of street railroading very little consideration was given the platform men in the way of working hours or other privileges.

EUGENE W. CLISBEE
—Photo by Hartsook

Runs were common that required men to work from 6 a. m. to 9 a. m. then report back at noon for a dinner relief of one trip until 1 or 1:30 p. m., and then come back at 4 p. m. and work until 10 p. m., after which they had the rest of the day to themselves. These runs were called three baggers.

At that time one of the arguments against the eight hour day was that the average car was on the road approximately twenty hours and it was impossible to divide this time into eight hour shifts.

With the advent of the Municipal Railway, and the eight hour day, the making of time tables became more difficult. On April 24, 1925, Charter Amendment 21 regulating the working hours of platform men on the Municipal Railway, became effective, making the time table problem still more difficult.

The main requirements of the act provide that the basic working day be eight hours, to be completed within ten consecutive hours, and that time and one-half be paid for all time worked over eight hours, also for time worked after the ten hour range period had elapsed.

In making up a time table the first thing to be considered is service requirements, then co-ordination of service with other lines operating over portions of same route, with a minimum waste in lay-over at the terminals. The next step is adjusting the time table into runs or shifts as near eight hours as possible, with a minimum number consuming over ten hours to complete the day's work. There must also be a minimum number of "trippers," that is short pieces of work less than eight hours, made necessary owing to morning and evening rush hour demands, when practically every car is in service.

Confining all runs to a "range" of less than ten hours is impossible as the two rush periods are approximately eleven hours apart (i. e., 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.) Some of the runs must work through both periods, usually about twenty percent of the total number of runs.

The following figures will show that some improvements have been made. Out of a total of three hundred and six runs, one hundred and twenty-eight or 41.8% work a straight shift of approximately eight hours. Thirty-nine runs or 12.8% complete their day's work in less than nine hours. Eighty-three runs or 27.1% within ten hours. Fifty-six runs or 18.3% run over the dead line of ten hours with none over eleven hours.

The average range for all runs is nine hours and thirty-three minutes, and the average time worked, eight hours and twelve minutes.

This is not a perfect score, but some improvement over the three baggers and sixteen hour range run of the old days.

The Schedule Department is in charge of Daniel Guiney, assisted by J. D. Brogan, both coming from the ranks.

Ten new cars have been received and are now in service on the "B" line. These cars are the last word in modern street railway equipment and cost $19,200 each, or just 384,000 car fares.

On March 26, 1928, the Embarcadero bus line was extended from the S. P. Depot along Townsend and Division Street to Potrero Avenue. It now serves a district occupied by wholesale and manufacturing concerns heretofore without adequate transportation facilities.

One of the old timers, Motorman J. H. Fogarty, met with an unusual accident on Monday, March 26, while leaving the Seventeenth Street car house after completing his day's work. During the heavy rain storm Motorman Fogarty slipped on the wet pavement and struck his head against the running board of a parked auto. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital where it was necessary to have seven stitches taken on his forehead. Motorman Fogarty is now resting comfortably at his home, 6127 California Street, and we are glad to learn that he soon will be with us again.

BUS LINE EXTENDED

Announcement has been made by Superintendent Fred Boeken of the Municipal Railway that the route of the Embarcadero Bus line has been extended from its former terminus at the Southern Pacific depot to Division Street and Potrero Avenue.

Municipal Organizations

OFFICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By William T. Bonsor
Business Representative

THIS association is now attempting to adjust on a basis of equity an annual condition that exists in connection with the bookkeepers' list. At the present time when a vacancy for a position is presented the one in line has to secure waivers for said vacancy from all those holding permanent situations whether they rank him or not on the civil service list. This procedure is directly contrary to that prevailing on all other lists. We are asking the Civil Service Commission to treat this list in the same manner as other lists.

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It is said that it is possible that the Civil Service Commission will place in the hands of the Board of Supervisors during the month of March or early April the reclassification report that the commission and its employees have been working on for the past few months. The commission is of the idea that the report may be used by the Board of Supervisors in connection with the coming budget. This seems hardly possible in that the question has been in the hands of the commission going on four years without solution and the Board of Supervisors, having final determination, cannot begin to deal with such an intricate problem within a month or two. In addition to dealing with reclassification the Supervisors would have to determine the salary set-up. General opinion is that the whole scheme is unworkable because of the protective limitations in the charter amendment itself.

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The Association has made a substantial increase in its membership roll during the past two months and the interest displayed in several of the offices indicate a rapidly increasing roster during the next few weeks.

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The many boards and commissions of the city government are at this time busily engaged in making up their budget estimates for the coming fiscal year in order that same may be presented to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors which soon will be giving consideration to these estimates and making a report to the board. Our association is seeking a minimum rate of $200 per month for those not as yet receiving that wage. Those affected are stenographers, typists, clerical workers, jailers, etc. We also hope to encourage adjusting rates for those performing the higher grades of employment to the end that the old differentials of corresponding compensation again be paid these employments.

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Daniel Leary, one of our old time members in the Auditor's office, and one of the real old timers in San Francisco, is writing of the old boxing days with which he is so familiar. Dan knows the dope and is pleasing thousands daily.

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George Sharp, authority on petitions of all kinds, is taking care these days that all presidential aspirants get their quota of San Francisco voters to sign on the dotted line.

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Employees of the Juvenile Court and Detention Home believe that some way should be found that will enable them to become members of the Municipal Retirement system. It is understood that steps will soon be taken in this direction as it seems that they should participate in the benefits of the system.

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The office force at the Municipal Railway remains about the same as it has for many years which means that, with the expansion of the road and corresponding increase in clerical work, they have become extra efficient as well as able to absorb more work within the specified hours.

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The Labor Council is now setting the month of April as "buy a union label shirt month," an opportunity of assisting these women who support themselves and children by making shirts. During this month it is hoped and expected that every union man and friend will buy at least one shirt which bears the union label of the United Garment Workers' Union of America. Just a small thing to ask, but it means more than words can express to these women who have been such loyal trade-unionists in the years when it was somewhat difficult to be a union man or woman. We are today profiting because of the past sacrifices of these women and others together with the men who made unionism possible in this city and nation. It seems that the city workers should show their appreciation of the good things that have fallen to them by making this month one of happiness for these women of the factory.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

AT A MEETING of the governing council of the Teachers' Association of San Francisco, held March 19, it was voted to hold an election to chose two principals to serve as members of the governing council. At a recent election a tie resulted between the twelfth and thirteenth candidates.

Genevieve Carroll, chairman of the legislative committee, submitted a letter that has been sent to all teachers' organizations in California, members of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools. The letter deals with the proposed new regulations on teacher certification and expresses the fear that the new rules will make for less uniformity and stability than now exist.

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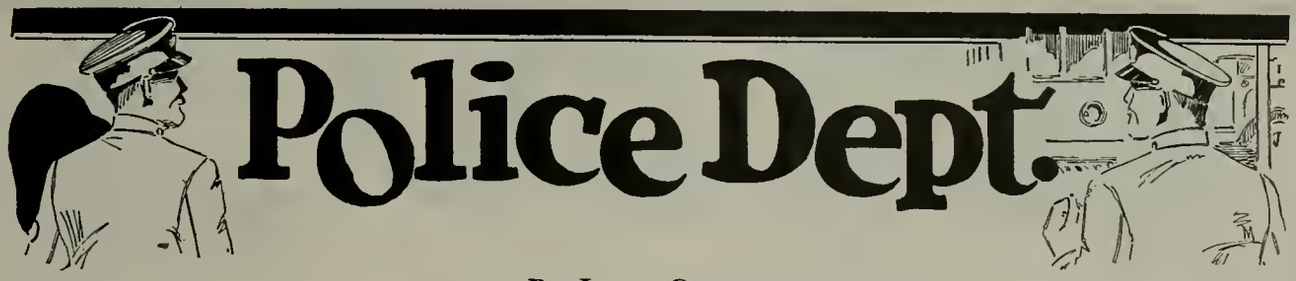

By JACK GIBSON

GOOD police departments don't overlook any scientific development which may some day be used in police work. So Chief Daniel J. O'Brien is having an intensive study made of radio broadcasting. Detective Sergeant William Bennett has been assigned to the study and is learning the radio business from the ground up. Detective Sergeant Bennett is a daily visitor to the broadcasting stations in the city and is favorite at KFWI, where he is learning everything from operating to announcing. The police business is growing, according to the Chief, and the department may some day be called upon to establish and operate a broadcasting station of its own. Bennett has shown a natural inclination for the radio business, especially since his broadcasting for the Police Ball made such a hit.

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Detectives George McLoughlin and William McMahon, of the robbery detail, made one of the most important captures of the year last month when they took into custody one Frank Moran, said to have been a member of a gang which held up three banks in the East Bay region since January 1. Moran made several desperate attempts to escape. Members of the Oakland police department co-operated in the arrest, and, an hour after Moran was taken, they ran down Charles M. Taggart, former business man, in Oakland. Taggart has confessed his share in the bank robberies.

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Twenty-three transfers in the department were announced by Chief O'Brien on March 24. Lieutenant Frederick W. Kimble, assistant to the captain of detectives, and Lieutenant Frederick O'Neill of the Park station exchanged places; Sergeant Philip Brady of Central and Sergeant Peter Heinrichs of the Western Addition also changed places; Corporal John J. Barricklo of the Mission went to North End and Corporal James Casey of North End went to the Mission; Corporal Raymond W. O'Connell of the City Prison went to the Potrero and Corporal Edward O'Leary from the Potrero to the City Prison. Fifteen patrolmen also were affected by the orders.

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Splendid tribute to the bravery of Officers Arthur W. Bartell, W. Halloran and W. Martin of the traffic bureau was contained in a recent issue of the Eureka District News, which hold the story of how the three invaded a dark basement at 76 Prosper Street and arrested two armed holdup men who had pust robbed and beaten a citizen at Market and Sixteenth streets.

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Officer Andrew P. Lennon of Company B, has received the commendation of his captain and chief for the arrest on January 20 of two holdup men. Lennon chased a gang of three robbers up Mission Street from Sixth, after they had held up one Timothy Mahoney. The three separated. After catching one and taking him to the Southern Station, Lennon went out and traced the others to a vacant lot where he caught the second. The third man got away.

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Officer John J. Hartnett of the Burlingame Police Department, has been named general chairman of a committee to arrange for a dance to be held April 14 at Pacific City by the Peninsula Peace Officers' Association. Committee heads have been named as follows: Officer R. E. Lawrence of Burlingame, music and talent; R. C. Theuer, Burlingame, publicity and tickets; L. H. Grieb, concessions; Manuel Trinta, arrangements; A. G. Fritz, floor. The association plans to start a widow's and orphan's fund.

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The general office at the Hall of Justice, which has been located in Room 9 since the building was erected, has been moved to Room 17 on the same floor. The new room is the largest in the building and was prepared under the supervision of Officer William Kearny. He was assisted by Sergeant Patrick Murray and Joseph Lee, stenographer.

The old quarters of the general office have been assigned to the robbery detail, under Sergeant George McLoughlin and the burglary detail under Sergeant Richmond Tatham.

Todd Honored by State Supervisors

T. E. COCHRANE, supervisor of Kings County, was elected president of the California County Supervisors' Association at a meeting held in the City Hall here early in March. Supervisor Todd of San Francisco withdrew in Cochrane's favor. Todd was then elected vice-president for the ensuing year. Supervisor Joseph Foster of San Diego was chosen treasurer and Supervisor Stanley Abel of Kern County was made secretary.

The association held a three-day session opening on March 6 with an address of welcome from Mayor Rolph. On the opening day it listened to reports on the effect of motor vehicle operation on highways and a report of C. C. Cotrell on the present status of Federal highway aid.

Clyde Healy, assistant city engineer, read a paper at the second day's meeting on "San Francisco Highway and Bridge Projects," after which Governor C. C. Young and Burt Meek, Director of the State Bureau of Public Works, delivered short talks.

The visiting supervisors were taken on a tour of San Francisco's major engineering projects during the afternoon.

At the close of the three-day session the supervisors went to Los Angeles to attend the Western Road and Equipment Exposition.

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By LIEUT. FRED JONES

ENGINE 7 lost one of it's most popular members when William Crosby decided to retire from active duty after serving the city faithfully for twenty-five years. A gold watch and chain was presented to him by the members of the company at a banquet given in his honor at the company quarters on the evening of March 22. Although an abundance of talent was present, the feature of the evening was a solo by Scotty.

Manderscheid of Engine 14 invited a certain member of this department to his home for dinner during the past month. The hospitality was wonderful as he only kept the visiting friend waiting three hours on the door steps and then, as a peace offering, escorted home several tamales.

Everything is peaceful in the quarters of Engine 39 since Evans paid his friend Regan the 83 cents.

Wanted—a first class "Male" canary by Captain Walsh of Engine 38. Why mention the sex, Jim?

The boys of the Corporation Yard are not sure of the popular dancer, Edward Barry, turning a benedict. Though they say his buddy, Pete McNulty, will vouch for him.

Speaking of dogs, we have an authority on them in the department in the person of Farrell of Engine 7. Happy specializes on Australian woof woofs.

Harold Jones is all smiles since he has received his annual present from the auto school.

Believe it or not, but our friend, Tommy Hayes, of Chemical 4, ran out of gas out at the beach esplanade on a very rainy day during the past month, and after considerable working through plenty of moisture to secure said gas he deposited it in the car of an unknown party. We never thought there existed a car that resembled yours, Tommy.

Pat Brandon says he is going to take an extension course at some college for economy in his department. Pat claims they want too much hose and he cannot afford to give it.

Yes, the boy mechanic, better known as Barney Harrington, is an expert at repairing baby buggies. For reference apply to our friend, Jimmy Brennan.

Bullier of Engine 38 sure knows his onions, also his Rose Marie.

Captain Walsh of Engine 38 is the proud owner of a new horseless buggy. No doubt Bancitaly stock is responsible, Jim.

Dick Cole, the jolly blacksmith, is going to put on a feed for the entire crew of the Corporation Yard on his wedding anniversary. Guess the Irish Turkey will be in demand.

Anyone about to stage a banquet can have the good advice of our friend, Lieut. Petry of Engine 38. Bill sure can handle them.

Queer world, this! Even Bill Freeland is trying the collegiate hop in the dormitory of Engine 17.

Funny thing no candy is received at 7 Engine. Guess we will move up with the Telephone Operators and then send our new address to Truck 1. Maybe some kind Tillerman down that way might remember us.

When the Chief's buggy was taken from Engine 15 by the uninvited colored gentleman, the crew on duty thought they saw a rainbow when all the colors were involved.

Hope all the "Jakies" have noticed the new red fire hats on Captain Rocca's auto. Will the police officer please take notice?

Also all "Jakies" on the Lieutenant's list and having considerable duties around the Fire Commissioner's office.

Seems as though a mistake was made in the last issue of this column. "Twenty-five years ago" Ike McLoughlin of Truck 1 wishes to be included in the elimination contest Al Young of the Association Club intends to hold. Pat Coryn can't have it all his own way.

Mr. Puckett, of the Balconades dance hall, should arrange an exhibition waltz in order that Joe Sullivan of Truck I can "show his stuff" to an appreciative audience. "Hale" Clark and Ed Lamb, of his company, do not seem to pay any attention when he puts it on.

The first act on the part of Lieutenant "Dick" Washington when he reported to the quarters on Mint Avenue, was to start training for an appetite. He heard the food was good and well prepared, so old KPO "Dobs" at 7 a. m. gets the first hearing each day.

"Cupie" Pete Bruhns of Truck 2 left us on a vacation. He also took a "mechanic" with him. Funny that old automobile ran around this city so long without that "mechanic." Well, here's hoping.

'The Little Giant," Danny Cronin, of Engine 1, is laughing at his old friend, Tom Cole, who went on the police force, 'cause when there is trouble Danny rides there and often meets Bill on the run to the fracas.

"Have you seen Stella?" Brings back days of 1915. Well, in 1928 they say "Have you seen 'Big Bill' Collins of Engine 13?" He posed for a sketch next to the stove and still he claims he is an outdoor man.

On Wednesday evening, March 21, the members of Engine 38 and Chemical 10 gave a banquet in honor of Captain Geister, who retired from active duty after serving the city faithfully for twenty-five continuous years. On behalf of the members of the above companies President William Sherman of the Fire Commission presented the Captain with a beautiful gift in the form of a gold breast emblem. Said emblem should assist Hennie in crashing the gates where One Eye Connolly has considerable trouble. The feature of the evening was the singing of the famous trio, Loughran, Lewis and Rosenberger.

The mystery of the above banquet was the package presented to Rosenberger by our friend, Jake Moll.

City Treasurer John Thieler and his able assistant,

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By ANITA DAY HUBBARD

EASTER, and the eternal promise of Nature, the resurrection of the growing things of the world, the permanent reassurance to the hopefulness of mankind that Spring, that gorgeous miracle achieved every year, is here. Who can be depressed when the Easter tidings are about?

Who can resist the call of the outdoors, of the soft whispers of sentimentality, be they of the long past, the doubting present, or the not impossible future?

What feminine heart is there that does not warm to the thoughts of a new frock, or to the sound of the birds chittering in the trees in the garden next door? Which of us can pass a milliner's shop window unmoved, or see a youth and a maiden walking together without heaving a reminiscent or a hopeful sigh, depending on one's age or one's optimism. If any of us have worn the spiritual garments of sadness and weariness of heart in the grey months of the winter, let us put them by, and snatch a robe of green and gold from the sun-spangled hills in which to clothe our spirits.

April

April, April
Laugh thy girlish laughter
Then, the moment after,
Weep thy girlish tears!
April, that mine ears
Like a lover greetest
If I tell thee, sweetest
All my hopes and fears.
April, April
Laugh thy golden laughter
But the moment after
Weep thy golden tears.

—WILLIAM WATSON.

WHICH brings us without difficulty to the Easter service on Mt. Davidson. Who has not seen an Easter sunrise from a mountain top may drink deep of beauty when the ancient cry of mankind toward the rising sun ascends from the flower strewn slopes of Mt. Davidson, in a great chorus of Easter hymns. It is an experience that should not be missed, and thinking of it recalls the horrified expression on the face of a well-known newspaper man about town, when someone suggested his climbing Mt. Tamalpais to see the sunrise.

"Why, I'm always in bed by then," he protested. But he might have been from Oakland at that, which would explain his early retiring hour!

OF COURSE you're all planning on going to the performance of Bach's magnificent "Passion According to St. Matthew," which the Municipal Chorus, the Symphony Orchestra and four important soloists are giving at the Auditorium on April 13 in the evening. Verdi's "Requiem," played by the same magnificent ensemble, will be performed on the night of April 10. These two performances will make musical history in San Francisco, and will usher in the Spring music season with a mighty gesture.

Florence Austral, soprano, and Reinald Werrenrath, baritone, will sing at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on April 11, and April 23, respectively. Both are perennial favorites in San Francisco, and both very much worth while.

To the artistically studious, to the teachers, both of music and of academics, to the laymen interested in the new inquiries into the "genetics of genius," I recommend the talks which Ernest Bloch is giving at Paul Elder's on Monday afternoons. Bloch, acknowledged the greatest contemporary composer, has looked back into his childhood, his youth, his creative growth, and is analyzing the influences that have made his music. At the first talk, which is the only one to have been delivered when I write, the audience sat rapt, while genius looked at itself with a keen-eyed and ruthless simplicity. As a piece of frank and living autobiography, the talk was a revelation. On April 9 and April 23, he will complete the triad of his discussions.

THE San Francisco Society of Women Artists, and the Women's City Club will hold an exhibit of decorative art produced in California, beginning on April 2, and continuing for two weeks thereafter. Textiles, murals, wood carvings, metal work, tiles, lamps, pottery, wall hangings, sculpture, batik, weaving and every other mood of decorative art, save only easel paintings, these not falling within the scope of applied art. The show will be held in the auditorium of the Women's City Club on Post Street, and should attract wide attention. It will be open to the public without charge from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. during the period of its display.

The East West Gallery is showing an interesting group of oil paintings by Harold English, and water colors and screens from the brush of Gale Turnbull, both of whom are members of the group of American painters in Paris. These pictures will be hung until April 17, when an Arts and Crafts exhibit will take its place. On April 23 Richard Lahey will show his water colors for the period until May 10.

At the risk of duplicating the statements of the page devoted to the Legion of Honor Palace, I can't resist calling attention to the wonderful collection of European art now on display there. The catalogue is on my desk as I write, and the samples are most enticing.

Apropos of nothing whatever, I notice in a news item that the fashionable women of Paris are taking to wearing antique timepieces, belonging to their grandmothers, instead of the modern watches made today, in spite of the fact that the old watches are neither compact, nor good timekeepers. Is this another proof of the shrewdness of the feminine mind? What an alibi, if one is a bit late to an appointment. A conspicuous time piece, ostensibly slow! What could be more perfect?

OF COURSE you have registered to vote at the election on May 1st? Besides the presidential election there's the water bond issue. Whatever candidate you may pick as the best for chief executive,

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By JOSEPH MARR GWINN
Superintendent of Schools

IN VIEW of the size and complexity of the program and the numbers in attendance, it is not possible to present in a brief report any adequate picture of the Fifty-eighth Annual Convention of the Department of Superintendence and allied educational organizations which met in Boston February 23 to March 1, 1928.

JOSEPH MARR GWINN
—Photo by Boye

All I shall attempt is a sketch of the facts needed to supply an outline of a picture of the Convention as a whole and a statement of some of the outstanding features of the program and points made in addresses and reports as they may relate to the program of education in the public schools of San Francisco.

The attendance was the largest in the history of the Department of Superintendence, being variously estimated at from fifteen to twenty thousand school superintendents, supervisors, principals, board members, presidents of colleges and universities, deans and directors. The Convention is one dealing with problems of administration and supervision of education. The literature contained in the program envelopes distributed to members weighed a total of thirteen tons.

On three great floor areas 199 makers and sellers of school equipment and supplies had their products. One interested could find anything from a penpoint to an auto school bus for sixty children.

IN two moving picture theatres included in the building with the exhibits continuous showings were made of films of school activities from fifty or more school systems in the United States. San Francisco supplied three new films showing various parts of our program from kindergarten through the high school and also a few of our new school buildings. Two thousand school children and one hundred teachers out of the schools of Boston and neighboring cities each day gave demonstrations of ways and means employed in education in the schools represented. These living and moving exhibits made a great contribution to the value of the Convention.

On the various programs there were approximately 450 scheduled addresses and reports. Many of these programs were held concurrently. On Monday afternoon of the Convention thirty-two different group meetings were held. In addition to the regular program there were programs in connection with many breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, banquets, concerts and receptions.

The National Broadcasting Company complimented the Department of Superintendence with an hour's general broadcast to stations east of the Pacific States. Unfortunately, it was not possible to include the Pacific States else you might have heard your Superintendent of Schools attempt in seven minutes to tell the public what the National Education Association is and the meaning of the Boston Convention. We are indebted to Dr. Jesse D. Burks of the San Francisco Schools for the original suggestion and the initial endeavor which resulted in the general broadcast.

In addition to my services as presiding officer at all of the general meetings of the Department of Superintendence, I addressed a thousand Rotarians at a joint meeting of the Boston Rotary Club and more than six hundred school superintendents who are Rotarians. I also addressed the meetings of the Department of Elmentary School Principals and the Department of Secondary School Principals.

THE most dramatic and interesting meeting was the closing one Thursday evening when it required four hundred and fifty policemen to keep the people from overtaxing the capacity of the building. At this meeting it was my privilege to introduce Colonel Charles Lindbergh who addressed the audience of approximately seven thousand on the subject of Aeronautical Education, and later to present to Mrs. Evangeline L. L. Lindbergh a life membership in the National Education Association and a key on a gold chain, the emblem of that membership. At this meeting Admiral Andrews of the United States Navy presented me with a gavel made from the wood of the famous old United States Frigate Constitution.

The major theme of the Convention was Secondary Education. The Year Book of the Department for 1928 had for its title "The Development of the High School Curriculum." Four of the programs for the general sessions were devoted to the Secondary School and seven of the programs for discussion groups. Other subjects considered included school finances, qualifications and duties of the school superintendent, progressive education, education and the nation, the relation of boards of education to their executive officers and aeronautical education.

The discussions brought into sharp contrast the two points of view with respect to secondary school education: the one that secondary education should be selective for the purpose of finding those who are

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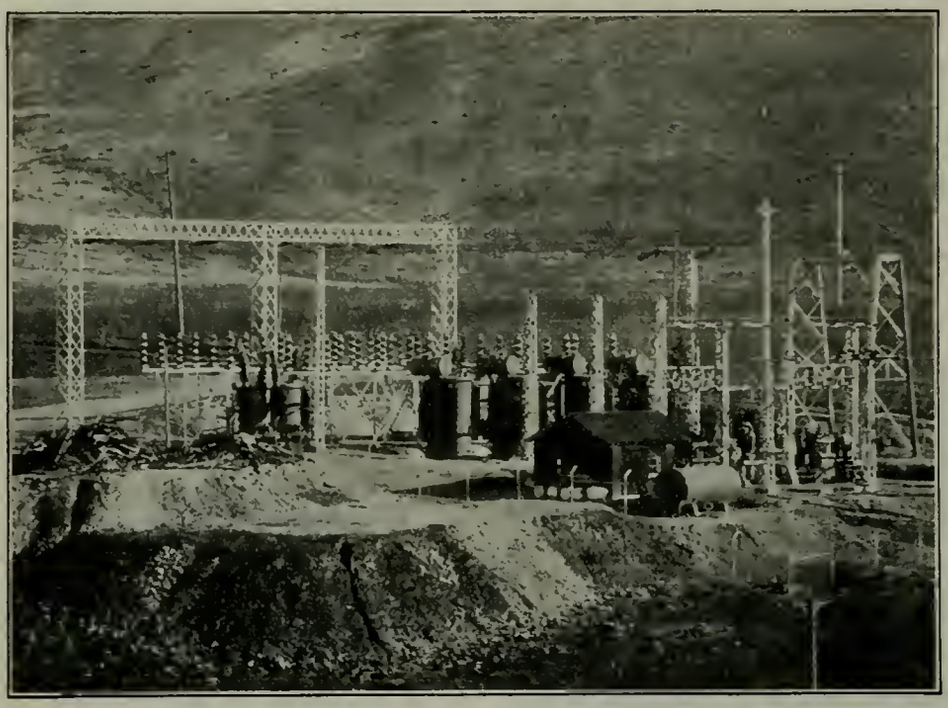

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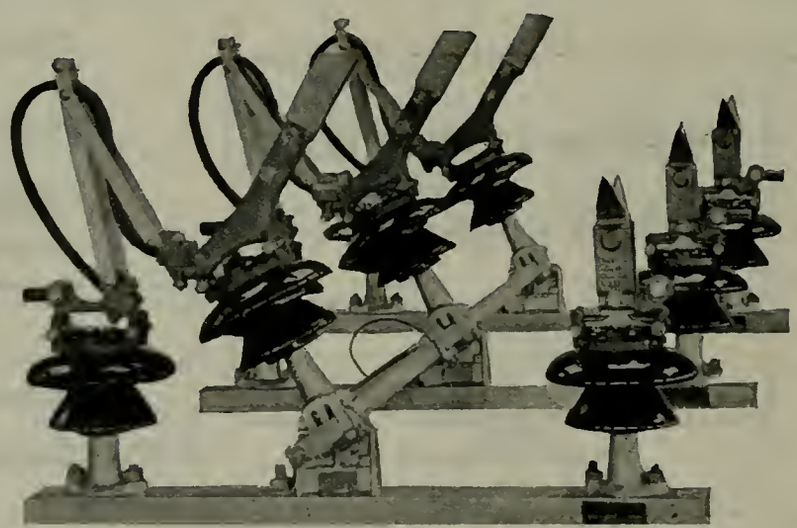

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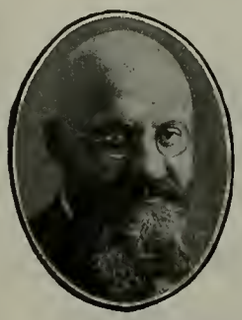
MANAGER DOWD RECOVERING

Patrons and employees of the Beach Chalet are anxiously awaiting the return of Manager T. J. Dowd, who has been ill for several months, but who is now reported well on the way to recovery. His return to the Chalet is expected in the near future.

Famous Bach Passion to Be Spring Festival Feature

FOR the first time in the history of municipal music, the city of San Francisco and the Musical Association of San Francisco will present Bach's massive "Passion According to St. Matthew" as a part of the city's Annual Spring Music Festival. The dramatic story of the sorrows of the Saviour will be told with the largest ensemble of singers, musicians and soloists ever gathered on the Pacific Coast, and will be under the general direction of Alfred Hertz.



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The presentation of the Bach passion has been one of the lifelong dreams of Alfred Hertz, but he waited for the time that the Municipal Chorus, under Dr. Hans Leschke, had developed to such a point that he believed a San Francisco production would be the acme of perfection. Leschke has been rehearsing singers from San Francisco and Oakland for many months in preparation for the Spring Festival.

The St. Matthew Passion is the best exposition of Bach's genius, and of such intense dramatic and religious importance that it can be rightly classed as a glorified service. Throughout the civilized world it is customary to give the great oratorio during the Easter season.

The St. Matthew Passion will be presented on the night of April 13 in the Civic Auditorium with a chorus of more than 400, a boys' choir of one hundred, an augmented orchestra of nearly 150 and four great soloists: Florence Austral, soprano; Kathryn Meisle, contralto; Paul Althouse, tenor, and Max Panteleieff, basso. The first event of the Spring Music Festival will be Verdi's Manzoni Requiem to be given the night of April 10 with the same great musical ensemble. Both productions will be greatly enhanced by the use of the great Auditorium pipe organ.

The Spring Music Festival is considered to be the most important annual event of its kind on the Pacific Coast, and attracts music-lovers from all sections. The fete is purely a municipal project, given under the auspices of the Auditorium Committee, J. Emmet Hayden, acting chairman and Supervisors Warren Shannon and Franck R. Havenner. A. W. Widenham of the Musical Association is giving full co-operation in making the event a success. Seats are now selling at the Oakland and San Francisco stores of Sherman Clay & Company.

CIVIC CENTER TULIP DISPLAY

Superintendent of Parks John McLaren and Superintendent of Small Parks and Squares Thomas A. Munro have been the recipients of many compliments for the tulip display this month in the Civic Center. The broad patches of color have been strikingly beautiful and have brought forth ejaculations of delight from visitors to the Civic Center.

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Parks and Museums

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On the mantelpiece is placed a two foot bronze statue of H. H. Unger, the veteran Chairman of the Tournament Committee of the Club. This is the work of L. Dreifuss, sculptor member of the organization. Clausen and Amandes are the architects of the building, Amandes being a member of the Fly Casters. The house is situated in Foreman Albert Chaquette's section of the park.

de Young Memorial Museum

THE auditorium of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park presents a most attractive appearance at present with its walls adorned with the 112 paintings constituting the exhibition of works by the artist members of the League of American Pen Women. This collection was placed on view on March 15th and will continue until April 15. Mrs. Jean Watson is in charge for the Pen Women, representing the San Francisco branch of this organization, which is hostess to the Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Carmel, and Santa Clara County members.

The exhibition includes oil paintings, water colors, pastels, illuminations and miniatures. The artists represented are the following from Berkeley: Laura Adams Armer, Beulah Mitchell Clute, Alice Hunt Curtis, Cora Boone, Jennie V. Cannon, Marian L. Cooch, Mrs. M. V. Hills, Goldy Powell Harding, Jessie Short Jackson, Maud Elizabeth Love, Lenora Naylor Penniman, Ella Wall Van Leer, Blanche Collet Wagner and Alice G. Plummer. Bertha Stringer Lee, Minerva Pierce and Blanche Baldwin McGaw are San Francisco artists represented. Roberta Balfour (Thudichum) of Carmel and Martha Wheeler Baxter are also showing a number of their works.

The exhibition is a beautiful and creditable one and is attracting a great many visitors. Each Thursday afternoon during its continuance a special program of addresses and music is presented. Mrs. Frederick H. Colburn, President of the San Francisco Branch of the League of American Pen Women, presided at the first meeting and Mrs. James E. Wales, President of the Berkeley Branch, at the next two. Addresses were made by them and by Curator George H. Barron of the de Young Museum. A lecture on "The Art of the American Indian" was delivered by Mrs. Laura Adams Armer on March 22 and one on "Tendencies in American Art" by Mrs. Sarah Carewe Ayhern on March 29. Mrs. Roberta Balfour Thudichum will discuss modern art on April 12.

The program of semi-weekly lectures at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum for the present month is as follows: April 1, Miss Helen Gordon Baker, Statuary Hall; April 4 and 8, Louise C. Towne, Ceramics galleries; April 11 and 15, Miss Barker, Colonial galleries of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America; April 18 and 22, Mr. Towne, Oriental gallery; April 25 and 29, Miss Barker, jade and Chinese sepulchre pieces. The letters are given Wednesday at 2 o'clock and Sunday at 4, and all are open to the public without charge.

Legion of Honor Palace

THE long awaited Carnegie International Exhibition of Modern Art was opened by Director Cornelia B. Sage Quinton at the California Palace of the

Legion of Honor on Sunday, March 25, a week ahead of the originally appointed time.

Included in the show are the pictures that took prizes at the first exhibition of these paintings, that at Pittsburgh, for whose Carnegie Institute Director of Fine Arts Homer Saint-Gaudens of that institution spent four months in Europe getting the collection together. The first prize was taken by a painting entitled "Still Life" by Henri Matisse of Paris. The second went to "Motherhood" by Anto Carte of Belgium. The First Honorable Mention was given to a painting entitled "Carnival" by Antonio Donghi of Rome. And a special prize given by the Garden Club of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, for the best painting of flowers or a garden, went to "Calla Lilies" by Max Pechstein of Germany.

This exhibition presents a rare opportunity to art students and artists as well as to the general public to see and study the best in painting that Europe of the present day has produced. As the collection will go from here directly back across the Atlantic after the conclusion of its showing on May 13, thousands of visitors will undoubtedly take advantage of the opportunity presented. In order to enable them to get the greatest benefit from the exhibition, Director Quinton has secured the services of Miss Evelyn Peters Ellsworth, an experienced docent connected with the Extension Division of the University of California, who will give free promenade lectures to schools and clubs during the showing of this Carnegie Exhibition. Organizations desiring to take advantage of this service are asked to communicate with the office of the Director, Telephone Evergreen 858.

Municipal Organizations

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Suggestion is made in the letter that an appeal to state authorities be made along the following lines:

(1) That definite requirements for obtaining each credential be set by the State Board of Education, to remain in effect for a period of at least four years;

(2) That definite requirements for the renewing of each credential (admitting experience or further study as means for renewal), be set by the State Board of Education, in order that the procedure of renewing a credential may not be subject to the drastic changes which may be made in the requirements for obtaining a credential;

(3) That provision be made whereby a teacher who has done the major part of the work required for a credential under one set of regulations may complete his work under the same regulations provided that this be done in a reasonable period of time. The work already done in good faith should not be invalidated by changes made in the requirements.

(4) That the present system of life certification be retained.

President Joseph P. Nourse announced the following standing committees for the current year:

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Mr. Andriano's statement in accepting the important honor that has been conferred upon him is characteristic of the man, "I am prepared to give my very best services to the city. I did not solicit the appointment, but I fully appreciate the honor the Mayor has conferred upon me in making it."

And Mayor Rolph speaks for the entire city when he says, "I feel that not only the San Franciscans of Italian origin, but the city at large should feel proud, as I do, that Mr. Andriano has accepted this public duty and public trust."

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Marina Yacht Harbor, one of the finest in the country, is now being completed, while many other major developments in process of construction or planned add to the importance of the community.

The selection of Sylvester Andriano of North Beach as supervisor for the city and county of San Francisco is a happy one, and lends prestige to this well-known community.

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The building with its large rooms and wide verandah was the meeting place for women and children and served as sort of a playhouse and nursery for the little ones. A matron was in charge during the day to look after the children in general and to take care of their slight injuries. Later on the outdoor spaces and the verandah became more popular than the inside of the building and it was decided, after numerous suggestions, that the large rooms be converted into a tea room. Here it was possible to obtain coffee, cake, sandwiches, and a few other light items on a very small menu. This service, together with the Donkey and Goat and Merry-go-'round rides, helped to defray the expense of upkeep of the building and playgrounds. It was the policy to charge enough to cover expenses only and to give the children as much for their money as possible. A candy store was also added to the service.

ONE of the outstanding features of the cafe service was the furnishing of coffee and food on trays to be taken out by picnic parties. This trade developed so quickly that it was necessary to devote the lower section of the building to this alone. This was and is known as the Picnic Safe.

Needless to say the playground and its service became very popular and, as time went on, new and modern equipment was added to meet the demands of the public. At present the same old rooms are in use, but completely changed by the deft hands of interior decorators. The general color scheme is green with yellow decorations. The restaurant and serving equipment from soda fountain to stoves, is entirely new and up to date. W. V. Belding, the present superintendent, has devised an entire serving unit that will take care of the restaurant at its full capacity as well as on its ordinary business. The whole arrangement, with soda fountain, stoves, steam table, work tables, display counters, coffee dispensing equipment, etc., is contained in a space fourteen feet by ten feet.

A novel service of the restaurant, one that has grown considerably of late, is the taking care of children's parties. A mother gets in touch with the head waitress at the park. She wishes to have a birthday party on Saturday afternoon for twelve children. She will bring her table cloth, decorations and birthday cake. All other items of food she can get from the cafe. She has no table to arrange for the party and no cleaning after it.

A nominal charge for the service and waitress is made and the mother has no worries about the rest.

MARGARET NIELSEN, headwaitress in charge, has been employed in the children's playground for twenty years. Some of the little ones she has waited on in years past, now bring their own little ones to be fed and generally taken care of while spending a day in the park. She has a pleasant smile

for everyone and is known to the kiddies who frequent the park as well as to the numerous tennis players from the courts nearby who take advantage of the restaurant service.

In point of service, Mrs. Hughes, who is Margaret's assistant, comes next. She is the person who makes the home-made pie for which the restaurant is famous as well as its home-made cake. Mrs. Hughes rules over the kitchen and for that reason does not come in contact with the public very much, but those who have had the pleasure of meeting her will vouch for a very pleasing personality.

In the new arrangement of the restaurant Mrs. Hughes will be more to the front and, with Margaret, will make a very efficient team. These two people are supplemented by a complete crew of waitress and kitchen help as the business requires it. The management wishes that all who have the opportunity may drop in soon and look over the new restaurant facilities.

Library Notes

By Frances K. Langpaap

RICHMOND BRANCH has found it best to discontinue the "story hour" for lack of sufficient interest on the part of the juveniles. Those who have attended have displayed a great deal of interest because of the untiring efforts of Miss Fleming and Miss Andruss to make the hour worth while to the children. The lack of interest is due, no doubt, to the rivalry of spring and the lure of the outdoors.

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Branch 3 (North Beach) was treated to a case of Oriental hysteria last week, when a small patron was discovered to be using four cards. The crime being detected, two of them were taken from her with explanations which she received with tears, sobs, gesticulations, etc. It took some time to comprehend that "her friend" also owned four cards and still did and she was not satisfied until two of them had also been recalled.

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Miss Edla Romander, formerly assistant at Sunset Branch, is now attending the University of California library school.

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The classes of the Jefferson Grammar School, next door to the Sunset Branch, have been doing their reference work in the library during school hours, a plan which has proved mutually beneficial.

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A large representation from the San Francisco Public Library attended the meeting of the First District of the California Library Association, held at the Athens Club in Oakland, on Saturday, March 24. Mr. Rea, the librarian, spoke on training of assistants in the library, and Miss Mary Murphy read a paper on the current classes on library science given by the University Extension division.

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Miss Eleanor Sturgis, of the Reference department, who has been ill, is reported to be well on the way to recovery.

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Part Time High School

THREE thousand junior workers under 21 years of age were placed in positions during 1927 by the Free Junior Employment Service of the San Francisco Public School Department, according to announcement of Harry G. Hansell, superintendent and principal of the Part Time High School.

During the Easter vacation period, from April 2 to April 7, the employment service will be open from 8:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. except on Good Friday, when it will close at noon, and on Saturday before Easter, when it will open at 9 a. m. and close at noon.

Regular hours from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. and from 9 a. m. until noon on Saturday will prevail until June 16 when the vacation schedule will go into effect. During the summer months service will be open from 8:30 to 4:30 daily, except Saturday when the hours will be from 9 to 12.

Employers who need help under 21 years of age for any type of employment are urged to call the service, Hemlock 6379.

Wills of the Great

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was the inevitable "string" that he delighted in, he provided that the hospital should pay such debts of his own that he had forgotten and that should be chargeable against the accounts in the ledger. After seven years trial, the trustees of the hospital found that the returns from the ledger were less than the disbursements and returned the famous records to the heirs with regret.

Perhaps the most interesting sidelight in the development of the man is in the two epitaphs, the first written in his youth, full of a self conscious literary manner, and the second, sixty years later, in his will, providing that his grave be marked by a marble stone to be made by Chambers, 6 feet long and 4 feet wide, plain, with only a small moulding around the upper edge, and this inscription, "Benjamin and Deborah Franklin, 178....."

OLDEST EMPLOYEE DIES

J. H. Flynn, surveyor's field assistant, working under City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy, and the oldest city employee in San Francisco, died on March 5. Mr. Flynn had been in the service of the city for thirty-eight years.

SUPERVISOR TONER HONORED

Supervisor J. M. Toner, the "mayor of Sunset," has been re-elected president of the Sunset Parkside District Inc. The district plans a national competition for a design for the new Sunset Boulevard and plans to have Park Superintendent John McLaren and City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy sit in as judges.

THREE NEW HOSPITALS

Erection of three new emergency hospitals will be asked of the Board of Supervisors by the Board of Health. According to Dr. Alex. Keenan of the Health Board an emergency hospital is badly needed in the Mission-Excelsior district, another in the Richmond and a third in the Marina.

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THE RECORDER'S OFFICE

MISS SADIE MUND has taken a three-months' leave of absence and is on a round-the-world trip. When last heard of Sadie was in the Canary Islands catching canary birds. We all hope she has a fine trip and returns in the best of health.

Joe Dupuie has definitely announced his intentions (in a business way). He sold Charles Allen a tie, W. McKee a hat, and is now dickering with Frank McLane, to sell his tuxedo for Frank to make his going away speech in. Lep Popper found the rivalry too great, and quit the clothing business, and has gone into the tobacco business, featuring White Owls, Bull Durham and Chesterfields.

Lep Popper, all dolled up in his new overcoat, attended a dinner given by Johnnie Kane, at his new home. The dinner was not such a success from Lep's point of view. Someone said he did not care for the roast pork.

Since his marriage Otto Fritschen is a changed man. He is now the soul of kindness, overwhelming his wife with gifts. He has just purchased her two beautiful new dresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritschen entertained last week with a radio party. Among the guests were Messrs. Allen, Dupuie and McKee. A good time was enjoyed by all. A very novel luncheon was served consisting of scrambled eggs and soup. The boys are anxious to hear the radio again.

THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By Louise M. O'Hara

THE Assessor's Office is still thrilled over the banquet tendered our chief, Russell L. Wolden by his employees on February 15. Mrs. Wolden and Judge Van Nostrand were guests of honor, the judge acting as toastmaster.

His Honor gave a short and delightful opening speech and then, throughout the dinner, called upon each one to give his or her opinion on some pointed or amusing problem. Laughter, good cheer and comradeship made the affair an unforgettable one.

The lovely gowns of the women vied with the beautiful floral decorations in lending color to charm the eye. The plants and flowers, exquisite tulips, hundreds of them, were the generous contribution of Mr. Wolden's good friends, Cesare Restani and his partners, growers and wholesale nurserymen, owners of the Geneva Nurseries.

The banquet was held at the Roof Garden Cafe, and the dinner and service were excellent due to the courtesy of Mr. Martinelli and his efficient help. And dancing, well, with fine music and floor, you'd be surprised to see how young we all became and what terpsichorean artists we have in our midst.

We resolved that another such event must be held in the near future to promote the good fellowship of the office and we hope that all will participate the next time, as unfortunately a few had to absent themselves owing to illness or other engagements and were missed.

The committee responsible for the success of this affair consisted of Herman Zimmerman, chairman, Chas. O. Levy, John Sermattei and Louise O'Hara.

The Fire Department

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Nash Richardson, were among the invited guests at said banquet.

Tim Wormuth, of Chemical 10, surprised the bunch by attending the banquet. He showed some class when he hired an aviator to pack him from San Diego to Mills Field.

McGrath, of Engine 38, to Hughes of Chemical 10: "Did you ever try salt?"

Dashing Chemical 12 is 100% again since Lieut. Richter and Driver Downs are back on the job after their sick leave.

Fishermen, please take notice: The tail of a fish weighs seven pounds, the head as much as the tail and half the body, the body as much as the head and tail together. How much does the head weigh?

Bauer, of Engine 7, was showing a beautiful diamond engagement ring to brother members of his company on a certain day during the past month. John admits that the wedding bells are getting loud, but refuses to inform the boys of the lucky one's name.

Operator Drewes of District 3, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant during the past month. Congratulations, Dutchie, and may your troubles be small. Also look out for the seals on foggy days.

Slavich, of Engine 18, has also become a property owner, as he recently purchased a beautiful home in the Crocker tract. It is rumored it was oil stock.

Tick Wolber, the Parvo Nurmi of Engine 11, claims that he can run two miles in faster time than his brother member, Jim Roche, can drive his mystery four.

Rinaldo Galliata, of Engine 25, is a great lover of classical music. The boys are very anxious to hear Naldi sing his latest hit, "Gidy Up, Garibaldi," as he is very thorough in his impersonations, even to the garlic.

Harry Krieg, of Engine 48, still believes in Santa Claus. Look out, Harry, or Engineer Munter will sell you that gold brick yet.

Reid and Nelson of Engine 16 recently returned from their annual vacations. Vince spent his over in the hills around Hunter's Point looking for oil, while Artie was bargain hunting in the Mission.

Stewart, of Truck 9, a real smoke eater, sure hates those helmets. Jim claims that one can not breathe in them.

Dervin, of Engine 37, is wearing a million dollar smile since he won the clog dance trophy at a recent picnic. Said trophy was in the form of an old pipe which tickled Barney, as the one he has now is not quite strong enough.

It certainly looks great to see our old friend, Harold Brady, back on the job again after his long siege of sickness and we sincerely hope that it will be your last sick leave, Harold.

Anyone seeking information relative to the roads to Vancouver and way points, can be accommodated by calling on Captain Smith of Engine 29. Bill has more maps than the Southern Pacific.

NEW SCHOOL OPENED

The new John Muir school on Webster Street between Page and Oak was opened last month. The building, constructed at a cost of $340,000 was accepted by the Board of Education in February. It accommodates pupils of the old Hearst and Moulder schools.

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Playgrounds

By Veda Beresford Young
Secretary Playground Commission

HOW WE WISH you could have witnessed the sea of over two hundred bobbing, fluttering, colorful and fantastic kites that performed for the proud girls and boys entered in the playground department's kite contest. This affair, the first of its kind ever held by the Playground Department, and in which the Chinese children scored the biggest success, was held at the stadium in Golden Gate Park. The March winds were a little disappointing in their strength, but the beautiful day atoned for the weather's shortcoming. The committee, working in close co-operation with Gladys Zehnder, Director of Publicity and Special Events, found it extremely difficult to decide the winners in the several scheduled events.

VEDA B. YOUNG
—Photo by Bushnell

Wee butterfly kites, beautifully designed models with movable eyes, box, flying fish and innumerable other kites ranging in size from several inches to nine feet, captured the attention of scores of children, fond parents, friends, photographers, and onlookers. It certainly was a rare treat.

The winners received their prizes in the rotunda of the City Hall on Saturday morning, March 31.

THE winners in the Playground Department's city-wide dramatic contest have recently been announced. The imagination of these young play writers has been quite astonishing. Dorothy Nugent of Hamilton Playground, won first place in the Senior contest by submitting "The Making Over of Majorie Lane." Marie McGovern of Mission playground, won second place with "Janet's Valentine Lesson." In the Junior Division "The Homework Gnome and Sons," by Ruth Sondhaus won first place, and Janisruth Hecht's "Oh, Help! a Mouse," took second place. All of these plays are to be produced by the children.

The Margaret S. Hayward Playground Dramatic Club successfully staged the one-act comedy "Seven to One" at the Funston Field House, Saturday, March 24. The playlet was directed by Grace O'Brien, Director of the Playground, and Hester Proctor, Director Educational Dramatics, Playground Department. "Wild Nell," a pantomine, was also presented by the dramatic club. In addition to the play and pantomine, the Y. W. C. A. Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Marie Foster, Director of Music, Playground Department, rendered several selections.

THE largest entry ever received in the playground department's annual tennis tournament has just been counted. There is a total entry of two thousand

one hundred and forty-four, one thousand one hundred and ninety-six of which are girl participants, and nine hundred and forty-eight boys. The largest entry has been received from Mission Playground, where Hulda Popper and Garland S. Hoffman are the directors. They received two hundred and sixty-eight entries. Hamilton Playground has the second largest entry, numbering two hundred and fifty-three, and Julius Kahn Playground came in third with one hundred and ninety-six.

Mount Davidson

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An ardent nature lover, Mrs. Edmund N. Brown, was aroused over the destruction, and made a plea at the Commodore Sloat Parent-Teachers' Association on April 12, 1926 for the preservation of Mt. Davidson. She was appointed chairman of a Mt. Davidson Conservation Committee and began her work by securing historical data, maps and the cost of the Mt. Davidson property.

Mrs. Brown interested Mrs. A. W. Stokes, at that time president of the City and County Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Stokes appointed Mrs. Brown chairman of a special Mt. Davidson Conservation Committee, and in so doing placed the strength of the Federation's membership of 15,000 women behind the movement.

In the campaign to preserve Mt. Davidson as a city park, part of the chairman's work included the interviewing of prominent citizens; the writing of letters to individuals and to organizations, asking for support, and securing publicity through press and screen. Mt. Davidson wild flowers were sent to individuals as pleas for support, and exhibits arranged for flower shows and schools.

Mayor Rolph, with his usual love for his city of San Francisco and her citizens, early gave his support to the movement. Many other officials and prominent citizens added their support, and with the indorsement of numbers of improvement clubs and civic organizations, the movement grew to be a popular demand for the beautification of this spot.

The sum of $15,000 was appropriated by the Finance Committee as an initial payment on the Mt. Davidson Park. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 25, 1927.

The $15,000 has not been used, so the women under the leadership of Mrs. J. E. Butterfield, president of the City and County Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Edmund N. Brown, aided by Robert Searls, president of the St. Francis Homes Association, are again actively working to preserve for San Francisco this wooded hill, Mt. Davidson, which will serve to provide our school children with the environment for nature study; the Boy Scouts with an outdoor playground for hikes and overnight camping; the Easter pilgrim with a place of worship on its summit at dawn; and the visitor with unsurpassed views from the highest point in the city.

PORTOLA FESTIVAL PLANNED

A revival of the famous Portola Festival is being planned for this year by the public welfare committee of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors Milton Marks and Milo F. Kent have been delegated to make the preliminary arrangements.

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The School Department

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to be the leaders and who possess the abilities required successfully to pursue the courses offered by the colleges; the other, that secondary education is to provide suitable education for all who attend, whatever their abilities may be and whatever the fields of future vocations may be. Public school superintendents and high school principals must accept the second point of view and at the same time attempt to provide the colleges with students of a type and education desired.

In view of the facts that, on an average, 596 pupils out of each 1000 entering high school do not graduate, and that 690 graduates of the high school out of each 1000 graduating do not go to college, it is evident that the major emphasis of the high school should not be preparation for college. However badly the high school may have discharged its responsibility to prepare some of its graduates for college, it has even more badly prepared those who do not graduate for what they are to do after leaving school. The writers of most high school textbooks and the teachers of most high school pupils still have college entrance requirements in mind.

The content and method in Chemistry are little directed to the needs of the great majority of pupils not going to college. Very few students of bookkeeping ever become bookkeepers, yet high school courses in bookkeeping are said almost entirely to neglect the type of bookkeeping the great majority will later need as members of a home or as a worker in some vocation.

It appears that the content of the various high school subjects should be reorganized in the light of the future needs and present abilities of the great mass of high school students. Since 690 pupils entering high school do not graduate, attention must be given to the high school as a finishing school. This may necessitate the introduction of courses, one, two or three years in length, as well as the regular course of four years.

Some hold that it would be a better plan to provide one year courses in high school than to add a tenth year to junior high schools since the junior high school should be devoted to general rather than vocational education. In view of the great numbers of youth of varying abilities and needs coming into high school all emphasize the importance of counseling and guidance.

IN SUMMING up the general objectives of secondary education the Commission on the Curriculum says they are as follows:

To promote the development of an understanding and an adequate evaluation of the self,

To promote the development of an understanding and an appreciation of the world of nature,

To promote the development of an understanding and an appreciation of organized society,

To promote the development of an appreciation of the force of law and of love that is operating universally.

The place and the service of the junior college in a public school system were considered in several programs and discussions. There is a wide variety of opinion, from according the junior college no place to that of its development into the school which

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would complete all education below that of univer sity grade. It is evident that the whole organizatio and content of education from the junior high schoc through the college needs careful study. Some are c the opinion that one or two years less may be re quired than at present in reaching the universit level of education. The Department of Superintend ence through a Commission under the chairmanshi of Superintendent Weet of the Rochester, New Yor public schools, will make such a study. The Yea Book for 1829 will be devoted to Administrative Edu cational Units. In the meantime through the Califor nia Curriculum Commission consideration will b given this problem as it affects this State in particular

The work on the study of the Public School Curri culum having been completed with the 1928 Yea Book, the Department considers it important to hel in making the curriculum effective. This is to be don through supervision. A committee was appointed t study the problems of supervision. The 1930 Yea Book will be devoted to this field.

In order to provide funds with which to carry for ward the researches and studies needing to be mad in the interests of public education, the Departmen has a plan for creating a fund of one million dollar through gifts from each of the city school communi ties in the United States. As President, I asked th privilege of having San Francisco head the list fo such contributions.

Other delegates to the Convention from San Fran cisco will submit reports covering other phases of th Convention. The Convention was very stimulatin and satisfactory in every way. I am in receipt o many letters and messages all expressing the opinio that the Boston meeting of the Department of Super intendence was a great and outstanding one.

While it has been a great privilege to be Presiden and to have had direction of the program for the yea I am happy in the knowledge that my term of offic is ended save that of being first Vice-President unde the provision of the Constitution which makes the re tiring President first Vice-President for the followin year.

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Of Interest to Women

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MISS JANE'S DOUGHNUTS

By Martha Adams

The Best Foods Home Economics Service

MISS JANE was an awesome figure with a heart of gold and bony fingers tipped with culinary magic. She kept the seaside boarding house where as children we spent our happy summers and never do I see her doughnut recipe, written in the cramped and awkward script of a hand more used to pie cutter than pen holder, without a thrill of mingled awe and affection.

The smoky kitchen, smelling, oh so good, the piles and piles of doughnuts, the rings of dough waiting to go into the sizzling iron kettle started a lasting friendship which comes to memory with every batch of doughnuts I make. Modern frying fats have made the pungent smoke a thing of the past, Best Foods Shortning takes the place of Miss Jane's home rendered lard but the magic proportions of the old recipe she gave me remain the same.

To make these peerless doughnuts, which no modern rule can surpass, cream three quarters of a cup of sugar and two tablespoons of Best Foods Shortning and mix in two well beaten eggs. Add three quarters of a cup of milk, and then stir in three and a half cups of flour with three teaspoons of baking powder sifted in, one-half teaspoon of salt and one-half teaspoon of nutmeg. Roll the dough on a well-floured board and cut with the doughnut cutter.

Your frying kettle should preferably be a broad, flat-bottomed one. Fill it about one-third full of Best Foods Shortning and place over a low flame so the fat will melt slowly. If more than this amount is used, foods that contain moisture may cause it to bubble and boil over. This modern successor of the old time smoky frying fats smokes at a very high temperature and need not be heated to this point (where decomposition sets in, producing elements which commonly make fried foods indigestible).

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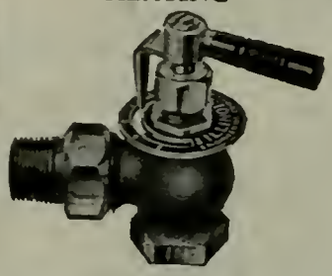

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By John H. Thieler

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the Board of Supervisors, the auditor, and the treasurer.

The income is dispensed by the mayor, as he may see fit, in alleviating the wants of dependent women and children, thus carrying out the wishes of the generous donor. There are a number of such trust funds, used for similar purposes, where the principal in each case is invested in suitable securities.

LIKE all earthly institutions, city governmental agencies are in a process of evolution, development and expansion from the simple to the complex. It would seem as if all the big things commenced to come into being with the advent of Rolph as mayor, the period that will be known in our civic history as the "Rolph era." Prior to that time municipal affairs were not so scientific. Few improvements on a large and comprehensive scale were planned. Taxes were low but there were no constructive achievements. These were the days before vision, imagination, liberality, service and civic ambition animated our leaders and brought sanction from the voters.

A comparison of bonded indebtedness of several periods of the city's history may be worth while, gleaned from old records in the treasurer's office.

While in its swaddling clothes, the city in 1851 issued $1,305,500 of miscellaneous city bonds, bearing an annual interest rate of ten per cent, the bonds payable in San Francisco. An 1854 issue of $174,500 fire bonds, also bearing ten per cent interest, were made payable in New York City. Then, as now, a fiscal agency was maintained in the east. This data is reported in "Statement of Funded Debt as of June 30, 1865, total of $5,000,393.83." These early serial bonds, with high rates of interest, had not all matured at that historic date.

Another memorable period was that after the fire. On June 30, 1906, our bonded debt liability was less than that of the civil war period, the amount being $4,568,600. This represented outstanding bonds of the issue of 1904, bearing interest rate of three and one-half per cent per annum. This was, truly, a fortunate thing, considering that the city was in ruins.

On May 1 next the city's bonded debt will be $89,497,200, after the voters register their fiat, as they doubtlessly will, in favor of another $65,000,000 in bonds to complete the Hetch Hetchy project and acquire the Spring Valley properties, a "consummation devoutly to be wished." On this issue the future progress, fame and good fortune of the city hinges.

These few references simply emphasize the high and low spots of the city's bond history. Space precludes discussion of well known issues, however interesting and important; if details were attempted

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innumerable explanations and figures of a technical nature would have to be analyzed.

Since January 4, 1926, when this administration took over the department, the sum of $1,065,120 in interest has been earned by the city on money loaned to banks, plus investments (exclusive of Employees Retirement and other Trust Funds). The last quarter of the fiscal year has been conservatively estimated; hence these figures apply as of June 30, 1928.

By Milo Kent

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of the most important social functions in this city's annals.

The film "History of Aviation" portrays the development of the aircraft industry from the Wright Brothers' first flight twenty-five years ago to Colonel Lindbergh's recent Atlantic flight. During the program speeches will be made by William P. McCracken, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aviation; Leighton Rogers, Chief of Communication Department, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, Commander of Aircraft Squadrons, United States Battle Fleet; Major G. C. Brant, Commanding Officer at Crissy Field; R. E. Fisher, Chairman Aviation Department, California Development Association, and others. The 381st Air Squadron, under Commander Burdette A. Palmer, in flying suits, will act as ushers.

At the "Aviation Ball" a fashion show of flying garments for men and women will be featured. All army, navy and marine corps pilots, regular and reserve, will wear their flying uniforms.

IN CONNECTION with the First Annual Western Aircraft Show an airplane model building contest will be held, open to pupils of grammar and high schools. The prize of $25 is offered by the Boeing Air Transport. Models must be patterned after the Boeing planes used on the San Francisco-Chicago air mail line. Models need not fly.

Daily airport conferences will be held during the show, with scores of leaders of the aircraft industry coming from all parts of the country to take part in the discussions. Many cities not as yet equipped with airports will send representatives to these conferences to gather data and plans for building airports.

It is my conviction that the First Annual Western Aircraft Show will be a signal success, that it will prove of incalculable benefit to commercial aviation generally, and that it will stimulate the public to an even greater interest in air transportation.

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HERE is the story of the two water bond issues powerfully picturized by our staff artist, Thomas G. Jacques.

Above is the great Hetch Hetchy project, completed in the mountains but uncompleted near San Francisco. The $24,000,000 bond issue is to finish the job—bring the water across the San Joaquin Valley and through the Coast Range mountains.

The second bond issue for $41,000,000 is to provide a distributing system and nearby reservoirs for that water.

Below, the artist indicates the blessings of an abundant supply of cheap water. Water for many years. Water for our homes, water for our gardens, water for our sports, water for our stores, water for our industries.

LETS FINISH THE JOB!

A VOTE "YES" on the two water bond issues is a vote for Progress, Cheaper Water, and Lower Taxes.

The bonds will reduce our water rates, now the highest in America, and will thereby enable us to compete more successfully with our rival cities of the Pacific Coast.

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Cover by Thomas G. Jacques

May, 1928

Take a Friend to the Polls

THREE months ago THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE started its educational campaign on the water bond issue. It did so because it realized that there is nothing quite so vital to the city at this moment as the preservation of its $55,000,000 investment in this great water project, which might be endangered by a defeat of the bonds, and because it also realized that Hetch Hetchy water and the Spring Valley distributing system are absolutely essential to the life of the municipality.

If this campaign has had any effect there will not be a city employee nor anyone associated with the city in any capacity who will not have gone to the polls on May first and who will not have been responsible for taking at least one other voter with him. As Supervisor Franck Havenner, Chairman of the Finance Committee, points out in his article in this issue, there is no question in the minds of the people as to the wisdom of voting the bonds now. That conviction is firmly emplanted with all of us. But the good citizen too often stays away from the polls. The fanatic opponent of public ownership will be there with all the friends he can muster. It takes a two-thirds vote to spell victory in this campaign and unless twice as many good citizens as municipal ownership enemies go to the polls and cast their ballots the city will find itself in one of the most embarrassing positions of its career.

The bond campaign committee, under the leadership of Senator Phelan and Supervisor Havenner, have ably handled the presentation of the people's case. The latter has stumped the city for weeks. Men like Havenner and Henry Boyen and John Rogers, whom you all know, have devoted practically their whole time and energy to the campaign. The least the rest of us can do is to go out of our way an hour or two on election day to see that our friends have remembered the importance of the occasion.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

Failure to vote these bonds leads straight to forfeiture of the Hetch Hetchy grant — in which the people have already invested $55,000,000, not including interest during construction.—**Franck R. Havenner.**

The Spring Valley properties will buy themselves. Revenues from water sales will pay all expenses; will pay all interest; will retire the bonds and still leave a healthy profit for the taxpayers and water users. Failure to purchase means that we lose the $14,841,000 profits that can be earned during these five years.—**William P. Stanton.**

Save $55,000,000 by a Trip to the Polling Booth

By FRANCK R. HAVENNER
Chairman, Finance Committee, Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR FRANCK HAVENNER

EVERY citizen who loves San Francisco, every water user who wants cheaper rates and every tax payer who desires lower taxes, should vote an emphatic "yes" on the two water bond issues on the presidential primary ballot May 1.

In a nutshell, the passage of these bonds means the progress of San Francisco, cheaper water and lower taxes.

It means, moreover, that after many, many years we will end our water worries once and for all.

It means, also, that we safeguard our investment in the Hetch Hetchy project, now more than $55,000,000, and that we protect ourselves against a water famine that is inevitable if these bonds are not carried.

These facts are so apparent that in this campaign we find every political group, every school of economic thinking, every important association, working for passage of the two bond issues.

Those to whom public ownership is a fallacious theory are behind these water bonds. Ardent supporters of public ownership also are for the bonds. Persons who have opposed each other politically for years, are working side by side in this campaign. Everyone realizes that these bonds assure the prosperity of San Francisco and that they will pay for themselves.

THERE are two outstanding reasons for voting the $24,000,000 to complete Hetch Hetchy.

The first is that we already have invested more than $55,000,000 in the project and that we will lose this tremendous investment unless we complete the job.

The second is that San Franciso faces a serious water famine within a few years unless Hetch Hetchy water is available.

Passage of these bonds will bring Hetch Hetchy water to the very gates of the city and then———?

We must have a distributing system for that water. That is the outstanding argument for the second bond issue, $41,000,000 for purchase of the Spring Valley Company's properties.

Obviously, the 400,000,000 daily gallons of Hetch Hetchy water which is to save us from a water famine will do us no good unless we can get it to the homes, stores and factories of our city. A distributing system means more than the pipes in the streets of the city. It means, also, the reservoirs in and near the city where water can be stored.

It is essential that we have such reservoirs for our Hetch Hetchy water. Otherwise we would be depending upon a pipe line 160 miles long—and pipe lines have been known to burst. We must have enough water close at hand to protect us for months, yes, years, in the event of an interruption of Hetch Hetchy water service.

And the Spring Valley Water Company owns all the desirable sites near and in the city.

Moreover, the Raker Act, which prohibits us from wholesaling Hetch Hetchy water to the Company, also requires that we use all the water the company now can develop before tapping the great Hetch Hetchy supply. Compelled to have a distributing system and to use all available nearby water, it is obvious that we must now purchase the Spring Valley system.

EVERY competent person who has studied the problem testifies that NOW is the time to purchase the system.

In the first place, delay means an increased cost later on—literally millions of dollars added to the price we must eventually pay.

In the second place, purchase now means that our profits for the next five years will be nearly $15,000,000. In other words, we are offered the opportunity to purchase a going concern, which really will buy itself. No better business proposition was ever put before the people of San Francisco.

The tremendous profits from these properties can and will be used to reduce water rates and taxes.

Reduction of water rates is very important. We are now paying 37 cents per 1000 gallons for water and that is the highest rate paid in America. Other cities, which own their water supplies, are paying much less for this necessity of life.

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Water, the Vital Need of San Francisco

JAMES D. PHELAN
—Photo by Underwood and Underwood

By JAMES D. PHELAN
Chairman, Bond Campaign Committee

WHAT would happen if the Water Bonds fail to carry?

I recall the question: "What would Neptune do if the sea should dry up?" The answer was, "I haven't a notion!"

San Francisco would be deprived of water necessary to meet the growing demands of the city. It would be under constant threat of a water-famine which would not only affect the lives and health of the people, but would increase the insurance on all of their property.

It would deprive the people of the benefit of the present investment, and, perhaps, defer indefinitely the realization of a pure and adequate supply of water, as planned and executed by the best engineers.

It would possibly require another Congressional Act to protect us in the rights and property which we have acquired, and expose us to the attacks of irrigation districts, because it is not reasonable to believe that we can impound the water—which we have done—and not provide for its distribution. In other words, we cannot play the part of the "dog in the manger."

WE HAVE, under the Raker Act, bravely done our part, at great, but unavoidable cost, and we cannot, in justice to ourselves, or in good faith to the Nation, refuse the necessary funds for the com-

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Beautiful Crystal Springs Lake, one of the many Spring Valley properties to be acquired by the city —Photo by Chaffee

An Efficient Campaign Committee

WHATEVER may be the fate of the water bonds at the hands of the electorate May first, and at this writing there is every indication that they will carry by a large majority, the work of the citizens' campaign committee will be long remembered with gratitude by all thinking and patriotic citizens of San Francisco. Few realize the magnitude of an educational campaign of this nature. It is to the everlasting credit of the committee and bespeaks its energy and sacrifice that the work has been so thoroughly and diligently accomplished.

JOHN W. ROGERS

It is fitting that Hon. James D. Phelan, whose connection with the solution of our water problem is too well known to need mention, should head the list of the citizens' campaign committee as chairman. Associated with him is John A. O'Connell, secretary, Joseph M. Cumming, treasurer, Henry F. Boyen, chairman of the executive committee, and John W. Rogers, executive secretary.

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LET'S FINISH THE JOB

It was only after a prolonged and vigorous fight that San Francisco won from Congress the permission to develop the project in the Yosemite National Park. Opposition came from powerful corporations which feared competition; from nature lovers who feared the development would spoil the park beauties; and from San Joaquin Valley irrigationists who wanted the water for themselves.—**J. Emmet Hayden.**

The issue of this election is Progress and Prosperity. The only enemy of the bonds is Inertia. Progress must win this time. Let's get up-to-date on water. Let us finish this job. Let us do something for ourselves—and something for future generations. Let us acquire a water system and have that water system buy itself. —**Andrew J. Gallagher.**

The $41,000,000 price is a fair one. The properties are earning and will continue to earn a good return on the price. The properties could not be duplicated today for less than $56,171,000. If the city fails to purchase before its option expires in 1933, it will have to pay millions of dollars more than the $41,000,000 price of today.—**Dr. J. M. Toner.**

During Music Week, May 6 to 13, programs will be held on each of the playgrounds and a special invitation is extended to the public to be present. "Home, Sweet Home," the beloved song for which Americans have a patriotic pride, will feature one of the playground programs during music week.

Classification Report Completed

THE classification report of the Salary Standardization Board, under preparation for nearly three years, has been turned over to the Board of Supervisors and may be used in preparation of this year's budget. The report classifies approximately 6000 of the 11,000 positions held by employees of the city. Those exempt from classification include elective officials, employees of the Police and Fire departments whose salaries are fixed by charter, public school teachers, technical employees of the Public Library, employees of the Park department and employees engaged in public utility construction outside of the city.

WILFORD E. TALBERT

The report is being distributed in sections, each section being sent to the departments concerned as soon as it is mimeographed. Files of all sections will be maintained for public inspection in the offices of the Civil Service Commission. The Standardization Board has announced that there are not enough copies for distribution to all of the employees, so department heads are asked to co-operate in seeing that the copies available are used to best advantage.

THE proposed classification divides the entire city service into nineteen divisions, as follows:

A, Building Trades Service; B, Clerical Service; C, Custodial Service; D, Detention Service; E, Electrical Trades Service; F, Engineering Service; G, Examining and Evaluation Service; H, Fire Service; I, Institutional Service; J, Labor Service; K, Legal Service; L, Mechanical Trades Service; M, Medical Service; N, Miscellaneous Inspection Service; O, Nursing Service; P, Police Service; Q, Recreational Service; R, Street Railway Service; S, Welfare Service.

Fire and Police Service are given a place in the list because, even though not subject to salary standardization, they are subject to Civil Service.

Each of the foregoing divisions is divided into subdivisions. For example, Division A (Building Trades Servce) is divided into subdivisions such as the following: Administrative, Bricklaying, Building Inspecton (General), Carpentry, Cement Finishing, Glazing.

Each of the subdivisions is divided into classes. For example, the Sheet Metal Subdivision of Division A is divided into the following classes: Sheet Metal Worker's Helper, Sheet Metal Worker, Sub-Foreman Sheet Metal Worker, Foreman Sheet Metal Worker.

Generally speaking, a class is a group of duties and responsibilities sufficiently alike to warrant like treatment as to selection and compensation. Divisions are arranged alphabetically. Subdivisions are arranged alphabetically within divisions.

FOR convenience in referring to the classification, divisions are lettered (A, B, C, etc.) and classes are numbered, an arbitrary allotment of numbers being made to each subdivision.

Classes representing executive duties and responsibilities are placed as near as possible to the classes they supervise, usually being placed in the same subdivision.

Classes representing inspectional duties and responsibilities are grouped with craft duties when there is a promotional or supervisory relationship thereto.

Where executive responsibilities represent the supervision of work covered by more than one subdivision they are placed in a separate subdivision known as "Administrative." Classes in Administrative Subdivisions are not necessarily higher than other classes in more highly specialized subdivisions.

The purpose of the definitions is only to make it possible to determine impartially in which class any given group of duties and responsibilities falls. Hence it is not necessary to state all of the duties of a class but only those characteristics which distinguish that class from every other class.

Each class definition is presumed to include similar duties and responsibilities as well as those specifically enumerated.

Also definitions are presumed to cover regular duties or regularly recurring seasonal duties, and not emergency or purely temporary assignments.

THE class is the primary unit in the classification. However, the grouping of classes into subdivisions facilitates the ranking of the classes in the group according to the relative importance of their duties and responsibilities. The grouping of subdivisions into divisions is merely for convenience in referring to the definitions.

While the classification has been prepared primarily for use in salary standardization, it is possible, in departments subject to Civil Service, for the Commission to use it for examination purposes also. In fact, under Section 2 of Article XIII of the Charter, the Civil Service Commission may so adopt it irrespective of its use for salary standardization.

This classification constitutes only the first step in the standardization of salaries as required by the Charter. The fixing of salaries for the respective classes and the assignment of existing positions to the new classes are both steps which must necessarily be deferred until after the classification itself has been adopted.

CLASSIFICATION for purposes of salary standardization was authorized in a Charter amendment adopted in the fall of 1924. In part, the amendment provides that "the Board of Supervisors, through the Civil Service Commission, shall cause all employments for which the Supervisors are to fix compensations to be classified and graded for the purpose

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Municipal Organizations

By Edward D. Vandeleur

THE platform men of the Municipal Railway have lost a true and loyal friend in the sudden death of Brother John S. Rice, president of Carpenter's Union, Local 22. The members of the Municipal Carmen's Union, Division 518, have adopted resolutions extending to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy.

A. C. Kise, motorman on the Municipal Railway, was retired on April I, after forty years of service to the people of San Francisco.

Thomas S. Williams, also a motorman, has resigned because of ill health.

John Vlazny has resigned to accept a better position. Our best wishes go with him.

The social held Monday night, April 16, by the Municipal Railway Carmen's Band was a great success and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Brother Thomas Kennedy says: Buy in the Sunset and double your money; just as good as Bank of Italy stock.

John McGhan, motorman, is slowly recovering from a long siege of sickness and it is hoped by all to see him back on his run again soon.

Joe Breen is in the country trying to regain his health after a long illness.

George Hinson is very busy these days looking at new homes being built in the Sunset. It's about time, George. The Carmen's Band will furnish the music.

Brother Charles Ryan says: Save your money. Remember your promise to the garment workers. We all need shirts.

Following is a report on brother carmen who have been on the sick list:

T. C. Lehane is improving at the St. Francis hospital; Motorman T. Leahy has returned to work after a long illness; G. M. Hobson is expected to return to work soon; L. C. Farley has returned home from the hospital and is slowly recovering; Pat Dineen is back at work after a long and successful fight for his health; Motorman Harry Clark is at the San Francisco hospital but is expected to be able to go to the country soon; Frank E. Davidson is at the Letterman hospital and is doing as well as could be expected; Edward Johnson, drummer in the band, is on the sick list and is certainly missed; A. J. Foster is at the U. S. hospital at Livermore and is reported doing well; F. J. Wheeler, who has been off for several months, is reported to be recovering slowly; J. E. Wurz is recovering at Petaluma; Dave Sullivan has again been compelled to abandon his run because of sickness; Henry Rowe is up and around but will be off his run for some time; E. L. Nebelung has returned home from the hospital after a serious operation; Brother O. Orchard is recovering at his home after returning from Letterman hospital.

Brother David Dickson is on a sixty-day leave and is visiting in San Diego.

The Municipal Railway Carmen's Union, Division 518, paid $11,200 in disability and death benefits to its members or their families during the past year.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By William T. Bonsor

BUDGET time is again with us and the Finance Committee is now hearing from the various city departments and all those affected and interested. The work of spending between thirty and forty millions of dollars of the taxpayer's money during the coming fiscal year is a gigantic task when it comes to intelligently allocating the numerous sums involved. We should not underestimate the vast amount of work that devolves upon the Finance Committee and the Board of Supervisors at this time each year.

Adjustment of wages of city workers is one of the many matters that requires consideration each year and rightly so as conditions are constantly changing. It is a minor problem for the Board. Many requests are now on file with the committee and among them are the requests of this Association for its members. We are promised a hearing to place these requests before the committee and among them are those suggested over a year ago, none of which have been granted even though many are for the lowest paid clerical workers and some who have not received an adjustment upward in salary in from five to eight years.

We are asking our members to keep in close touch with the Association and its officers in order that all efforts possible may be made to protect their interests in all phases which may develop in relation to their salary status.

James Powers is about to return to his new position at Eleventh and Bryant streets in the Board of Works after recovering from a rather extended illness. The boys will welcome Jimmy back on the job.

While many are now becoming aviation customers, George Plato still believes in that antiquated method of transportation known as street car traveling. He and his family are getting acquainted with San Francisco by taking advantage of the Sunday excursion rates of the Market Street Railway, according to his friends.

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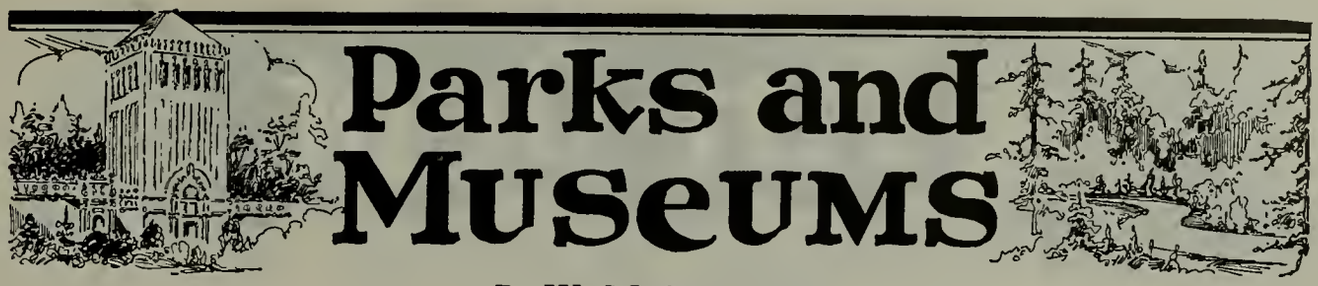

Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

THE second big celebration at McLaren Park, which occurred on Sunday, April 22, was featured by a colorful parade of floats and automobiles, starting at Silver Avenue and Mission Street and ending at the same place where the dedication of this new park, named for the veteran Superintendent, John McLaren, took place last year.

Mr. McLaren was the guest of honor, but from his own point of view the big event was the tree-planting by the school children. About a thousand cypresses, eucalypti, pines and others were set out and started on their way to furnish shade and beauty for the coming generations. Thomas A. Munro, Superintendent of Small Parks and Squares, was in charge of the planting.

Little Miss Lois Gilligan, whose grandfather was one of the early settlers and owned some of the land where the Park is located, was queen of the day. A. H. Ringholm, Chairman of the Central Council of Improvement Clubs, was head of the Committee of One Hundred on arrangements, and Supervisor Frank McGovern was Master of Ceremonies. It is planned hereafter to have a May Day celebration each year at McLaren Park.

Great crowds of children took part in the Easter egg hunts in Golden Gate Park and at Fleishhacker Playfield on April 8 and just as many grown people got an equal amount of pleasure out of these events. The weather was perfect and the eggs and prizes were plentiful, so the day was a great success. President Herbert Fleishhacker of the Park Commission returned from an extended Eastern trip just in time to be present and enjoy the children's big time.

THE QUEEN OF THE MAY
Hazel Balin, pupil of Sanchez School and O'Neill Sisters Academy
—Photo by Paralta Studios

MAY DAY is just about here and plans are in final shape for this great annual event. Queen Hazel Balin, one of the pupils of the O'Neill Sisters Dancing Academy, is the lucky little black-haired, brown-eyed lady to rule over the realm of Fairyland this year and will grace the spectacle with proper dignity.

Misses Helen and Peggy O'Neill expect to have 250 children to weave the ribbons in one huge May pole dance in the center of the lawn in Golden Gate Park. There will be seven or eight other poles at which pupils of Miss Daisy Upham, Miss Gladys Shoemaker, and Miss Ellen Rose will dance.

The parade will start as usual at 9:30 a. m. from Fell and Stanyan streets and will move down the Main Drive of the Park to the Children's Playground. The R. O. T. C. boys from the Mission High School will furnish a band and color guard. The Boy Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps will participate, as will the band of the California Boys' Club. There will also be the boys from the Columbia Park and San Francisco Boys' Club.

Music for the dances will be furnished by the San Francisco Municipal Band, Phillip Sapiro, director. Julius I. Kahn, Commissioner of the San Francisco District, Boy Scouts of America, will be parade and pageant director and W. V. Belding, Superintendent of the Children's Playgrounds, will have general charge of the whole event. The May Day celebration will continue most of the day, with a period out for lunch about noon time.

WHEN asked about the placing of hundreds of rhododendron plants from Rhododendron Dell in Golden Gate Park into boxes, Superintendent John McLaren replied by quoting from Shakespeare's "Macbeth":

"Fear not till Birnam Wood do come to Dunsinane."

Mr. McLaren declared that the boxing of these plants would not interfere with their blooming this year, as the event has shown; for the display of these wonderful flowers is one of the greatest beauties that Golden Gate Park offers this year as every year. The Park Superintendent further explained his reference to Shakespeare by saying that these rhododendrons came in the first place from Belgium. They were later one of the shows of the Exposition in 1915, and then were removed to Golden Gate Park where they are now boxed up. When the new addition to Kezar Stadium has been completed they will again be planted and will make Rhododendron Dell, in the same location, more beautiful than ever. So travel seems to agree with them. The boxing of the plants is to keep them out of harm's way while the stadium construction work is in progress, as it will be before many weeks.

Congress has passed and President Coolidge has signed a bill, which brings to a close one phase of the

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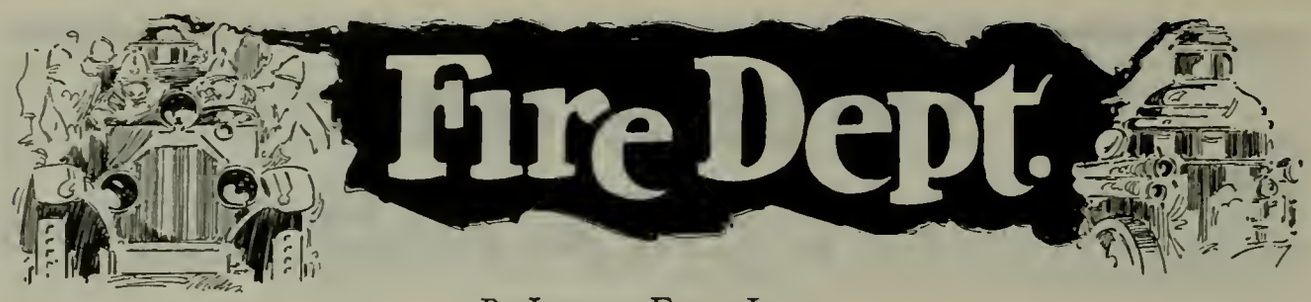

By LIEUT. FRED JONES

OUR FRIEND, Joe Guenley, of Engine 31, has a hard time raising vegetables in his back yard. Demo suggests that he use grape pulp as it is a wonderful substitute.

Cronin, of Engine 1, claims the San Francisco baseball team would walk away with the pennant this year if it had Bert Allison on first base.

Captain Smith, of Fire Boat, claims that if Lovelace was ever a trainman he certainly did not need any bell on his train.

It is rumored that Operator McKittrick made a very interesting visit to the hog pens at Butchertown recently. Ed. saw them from the size of a bunny to the regular porker. No doubt he was in training for the hog calling contest.

Ed. also was a very enthusiastic rooter for the Mission Bells on opening day. Too bad Lefty Mails beat you to that little pig with the green necktie, Ed.

Wyatt, of Engine 12, cleaned out Bradley's locker and stated that it looked as if Cutie was selling hair tonic.

Farmers, take notice. A sold B a farm and gained 16%, B sold it to C and gained 12%, C sold it to D for $1421.00 and lost 12½%. What did the farm cost A?

Due to the recent storms and a notice to move, our friend, Tommy Hayes, of Chemical 4, is now building a new wharf for his row boat.

Puccinelli, of Engine 12, is sporting a new Buick of late. Looks like another case of Bancitaly.

Kelleher, of Engine 29, has been mistaken for Diero, the famous accordionist, very much of late. The boys of his company can not figure out the resemblance unless it is his legs.

Dapper Dan Carmody, of Truck 3, is about to take the fatal leap. Dan and Peggy can be seen daily touring the town in his new Essex.

Sherrin and Smoke Roberts, of Engine 16, are training very hard for the pig calling championship contest which is to be held shortly over radio station K.F.R.F. The boys may be found rehearsing daily in the vicinity of Miller & Lux.

Storemer, the handsome big tillerman of Truck 12, has found a new pastime. Fred is trying to find the capacity of the large tank located in the vinicity of Engine 11.

Since Hart and Galiata joined Engine 25, the company has been in an uproar. Galli entertains the boys with side-splitting jokes, while George does the knife and fork act.

Fred Ellenberger, of Truck 3, better known as the boy that don't say much, (that is after he gets through talking,) is now managing Inkey Thomas, the champion horse shoe player of the Fire Department, and will back his man for any amount. Members of Truck 1 please take notice.

Danny Boyle and Johnny Lane, better known as the harmony kings of Engine 48, are billed to sing the "Volga Boatman" at a little entertainment in the vicinity of Twenty-second and Wisconsin streets.

Operator Murray, better known as the sheik of District 10, set out to beat Jack Beck's high jumping record, but all Bill broke was the stick and the crystal of his watch.

The boys of Truck 3 and Engine 3 are wondering why the "Author" always picks the night Rafferty has the watch to drop in and say hello. Maybe it is color he is seeking, and if so, Jim is the boy who can hand it out.

The latest of the sheiks is Bill Brown of the Yard. Jack Moholy saw him down town one fine evening of late without a hat. Looks like another case for Joe Knowles.

Greaseball, Bob Burns, one of the latest additions to the ranks of the Fire Department, is all burned up because he has been taken for Bull Regan very much of late. Believe it or not, but Bull took Bob for 85 cents on the Mexican ice cream deal.

Manning, of the Yard, has his order in for a new Ford. He is going to donate his old one to Captain Wilson of the auto school who will present same to his menagerie keeper, Pete Malloy.

Big Min Sweeney of Engine 3, has joined the ranks of tax payers. Min has purchased a beautiful home in the Marina. He states that he will announce the date of the house warming in the next issue.

McLaughlin, the brass finisher of the Yard, states that when he starts on his second childhood he will retire and give way to the younger generation. No doubt you mean the second generation, Tom.

Steve Gill and Morris Hudson are going to purchase Steve's department car for a trip east this summer when the city trades it in. That is what we call using the bean for economy.

Assistant Chief Thos. J. Murphy is contemplating giving a launch ride about the bay on one of Crowley's double deckers. Let's hope Paradise Cove is the destination and may we suggest a black bottom and hog calling contest?

Joe Carrato, the handsome chef of Engine 41, is going to promote a Menestrung feed for the boys of his company. Ciminello, please take notice, as it looks like Italian competition.

Members of the department residing in the Richmond District please save your votes for the Clement Street Queen Contest as Operators Papa and McLaughlin have entered the fray.

The boys of Engine 22 are building a yacht, and intend to use Lieut. Pengel as the propelling unit. Engineer Robertson claims that with Bubbles' wind, the race is over.

Steamboat Bill Shaughnessy of Truck 7 claims that he was a rivet heater for seventeen years and never burned a rivet. What kind of rivets do you mean, Bill?

Sargent Lawson, of Engine 15, is sporting a beauti-

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Play-grounds

By VEDA B. YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

SINCE the last issue of the Municipal Employee went to press, the playground department has held a very successful exhibition of soap sculpturing in the City Hall. The models were executed by the playground children and caused a great deal of enthusiasm and interest on the part of the hundreds of friends and visitors who witnessed the exhibition. The artists who judged the competition were amazed at the children's skill.

Through the courtesy of the Polytechnic High School, particularly the Principal, James E. Addicott, and Mrs. Edith M. Bushnell of the art department, our exhibit was greatly enhanced by the models displayed by the students from that school. This exhibit has helped to create a nation-wide interest in this art. It was one of the activities conducted by Gladys Zehnder, the Director of Publicity and Special Events, in which the directors and children co-operated wholeheartedly.

THE feeling of summer is in the air, and with it brings the thought of the beautiful May fetes planned by the Educational Dramatics Department of which Miss Hester Proctor is the supervisor.

On April 28 a huge May festival will be held at Glen Park Playground with Argonne, Excelsior, M. S. Hayward, Twenty-first and Folsom, Chinese, Mission and Glen Park Playgrounds participating.

On May 1 Levi Strauss Playground is having a May festival with flowers, fairies, and even a fairy godmother.

On May 5, at the Julius Kahn Playground, the bunnies, Indians, and sunflowers from Presidio Heights Playground, the Butterflies from Richmond Playground, and the poppies, lupines and chipmunks from the Julius Kahn Playground will join in a lovely May fete.

At Southside Playground on May 12, a very different and sprightly May fete with a Robin Hood theme in which both girls and boys will participate, will be presented by James Rolph Jr., Jackson, James Lick and Southside Playgrounds.

The Sun Goddess will be featured at Funston Playground in their May fete, scheduled for May 26. North Beach, Spring Valley and Funston Playgrounds will participate.

The Playground Olympiad, an event in which all of the nations will be represented by the children of the playgrounds, will be held at Jackson Playground on May 19, 1928.

It will be a gala day for both girls and boys, and will be principally in the nature of a track and field meet. Several special features have been planned. The grounds will be gay with many colored flags, and a host of happy children.

Everyone is invited to attend the camp reunion to be held in Polk Hall, Civic Auditorium, on Wednesday evening, May 16, 1928. The movie reel depicting the activities at the San Francisco Municipal Camp at Mather will be shown, and an interesting program will be presented.

Board of Public Works

THE Board of Public Works Commissioners of Los Angeles visited our city on April 13, traveling by airplane and landing at Mills Municipal Airport, where they were welcomed by Commissioners Timothy A. Reardon and Frederick Willis Meyer.

Not to be outdone by their brother commissioners, Tim and Freddy, through the courtesy of Vance Breese, the aviator, took to the air and performed a few aerial stunts, much to the delight of the Los Angeles Commissioners. Surely Friday the thirteenth was a lucky day for our commissioners and the Mayor's secretary, Edward Rainey, for on Sunday, two days later, Vance Breese in the same plane had an unfortunate accident. Although not serious, it was only through the masterly handling of the plane by the aviator that several lives were not lost.

Tim Reardon, who is running as a delegate on the Albert E. Smith ticket, is quite busy these days among the Democratic voters.

The Board awarded a contract last week to Amaroso and Phillipis to construct the Edward Robeson Taylor school at Bacon, Goettingen and Somerset streets. This is a twelve room elementary school costing approximately $110,000.

F. Willis Meyer, our genial commissioner, can be found every Saturday afternoon at Summer Home Park, on the Russian River, directing the building of his summer castle. The "Bozo" Club has been officially invited to dedicate the opening.

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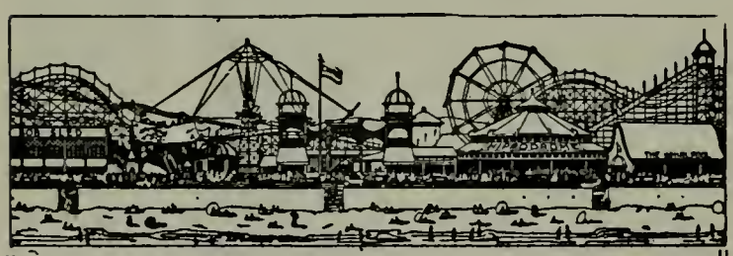

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Of Interest to Women

By Anita Day Hubbard

FIRST, whether you like it or not, I am going to poke you up about the Water Bonds. It is high time that the whole water problem of San Francisco was settled once and for all. From the time our reverend grandsires bought water at 30 cents a gallon from itinerant water peddlers here in the "fanciful fifties," through all the anguish about water that the last decade or so has brought forth, one thing remains clear: San Francisco, having conquered all other physical difficulties in the way of handicaps, must complete her equipment with a proper and adequate water system. These bonds will take care of the last steps of a long and elaborate program.

Take a day off, if you can, or even an hour, and dig out a reluctant neighbor or two on May 1 and drag them to the polls. Everyone is for the bonds, but lethargy is a worse enemy to civic progress than an army with banners. The bonds need a two-thirds vote to carry, so help get it out. Elsewhere in this journal you will find detailed arguments about it. But the most convincing argument of all is the simple question, well appreciated by every house wife, "What is a house with the water turned off?" A city is just a big household, magnified by the number of families in it. The primal factors of it are identical. Let's "finish the job" and turn on the water!

WHICH brings us to another phase of the civic housekeeping, just as interesting, and perhaps more spectacular. I refer to Music Week, which will be celebrated for the eighth time in San Francisco, from May 6 to May 13, inclusive.

We have come to take excellent music in this blessed city as a matter of course. We accept such a history-making performance as the St. Matthews' Passion at the auditorium as part of the day's work. If it had been in Europe—or Heaven forgive me, Los Angeles—the whole region would have made pilgrimages to hear it. As it was the hall was barely filled. We're spoiled in San Francisco, more shame to us, by too much perfection.

Alfred Hertz, and Ernest Bloch and Dr. Hans Leschke we accept as permanent members of the family, and we are quite complacent about it, instead of being prayerfully thankful for any one of them, as any less fortunate city might well be.

Now then, about Music Week. It began eight years ago right here in San Francisco, with the permanent enthusiast, Chester Rosekrans, at the wheel. Now the custom has spread into a national affair, with a central board in New York, and everything. About 1500 cities are celebrating it now, but we have the start on them all, even on New York, that followed us by only one year.

Just about every element in the city that can play, sing or listen to music is taking part. I think the most important thing from the standpoint of education, after the development of talent, is the training in appreciation.

A genius may be a genius by himself, but he needs a responsive audience to bring out his best work. One genius can cover a lot of geography and last for centuries, but the audience has to be always growing, and changing and developing, if the best ends are to be accomplished. And there is nothing to make a person so thoroughly understanding as to have some technical knowledge of his own.

Music Week has that function. School children, high school bands, piano players, individual artists of every calibre, the music trades, the civic organizations, the city "papas," that sadly harassed eighteen, who direct the complications of the city's problems with so little praise and such long hours week in and week out, and all the rest of the city's officialdom, all join, once a year at least, in a harmonious chorus during Music Week.

This year the usual elaborate programs will be augmented by a choral contest and a piano contest, to say nothing of the established R. O. T. C. band contest, all to be held at the auditorium during the week of May 6-13 inclusive. Watch the papers for the exciting details.

DO GET up to the California School of Fine Arts during the next week to see the fiftieth annual exhibit of the works of western artists to be displayed under the auspices of the San Francisco Art Association. The pictures are bound to be interesting, the building is one of the beauty spots of our beloved city.

Besides the pictures are mostly for sale, and I don't think any artist would be permanently disabled at the shock of selling a picture in San Francisco to a San Franciscan, though it might make him a bit dizzy for a time, from the very novelty of it.

Naturally, if you can beg, borrow or otherwise acquire a ticket for Paderewski's concert in the near future, you'll be there. You'd better get yours early to insure a seat near enough to see him distinctly, for the splendid spiritual vitality of the man is not a small part of the majesty of his genius.

I WAS going to talk a bit about clothes, but my space is pretty well filled, and anyhow, it's just past Easter and not quite summer, so you can go on wearing your new spring outfit, with never a yammer from me for another issue. To tell the truth, my ideas on fashion aren't worth much anyway, but the editors think a Woman's Page has just about got to have "clothes" and "cooking" on it, and why not humor the old dears? It's better to keep them in self-complacent ignorance about women, anyhow, and sometimes it comes in handy when we want to get something that no intellectual argument would justify. Then we can be kittenish and helpless and get what we want that way.

IN-BETWEEN SEASON SALADS

By Martha Adams

The Best Foods Home Economics Service

THE wise home-maker plans that at least one meal a day during the winter months includes green salad plants with their precious cargoes of minerals and vitamins. As spring comes in bit by bit, the salad assumes even greater importance as the heavy dishes of winter pall upon the family. It may not

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The Library Newspaper Room

By MARY DOYLE

ENTERING the Newspaper Department of the San Francisco Public Library on a casual visit one would probably go away with the impression that it was a room frequented by endless crowds of men, killing time. Of course, besides the men there are also newspapers.

The San Francisco Public Library has the largest collection of daily and weekly newspapers available to the general public of any library in the United States. There are 400 United States and Canadian papers and between seventy-five and one hundred foreign newspapers. This does not include magazines and weekly periodicals, which are kept in a different department. There is not a large city in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Spain, Holland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Russia and Czecho-Slovakia that is not represented by at least one and sometimes as many as five to eight newspapers.

The crowds of men who seem to be killing time will probably impress a stranger as belonging to the army of unemployed. It would be surprising to take a census of the people who patronize this department and find out how many are employed, many as part time workers, many who work at night and so forth. The newspaper room is to these people a clubroom where they derive as much pleasure from two or three hours spent there as the most carefully tended clubman of the most exclusive club.

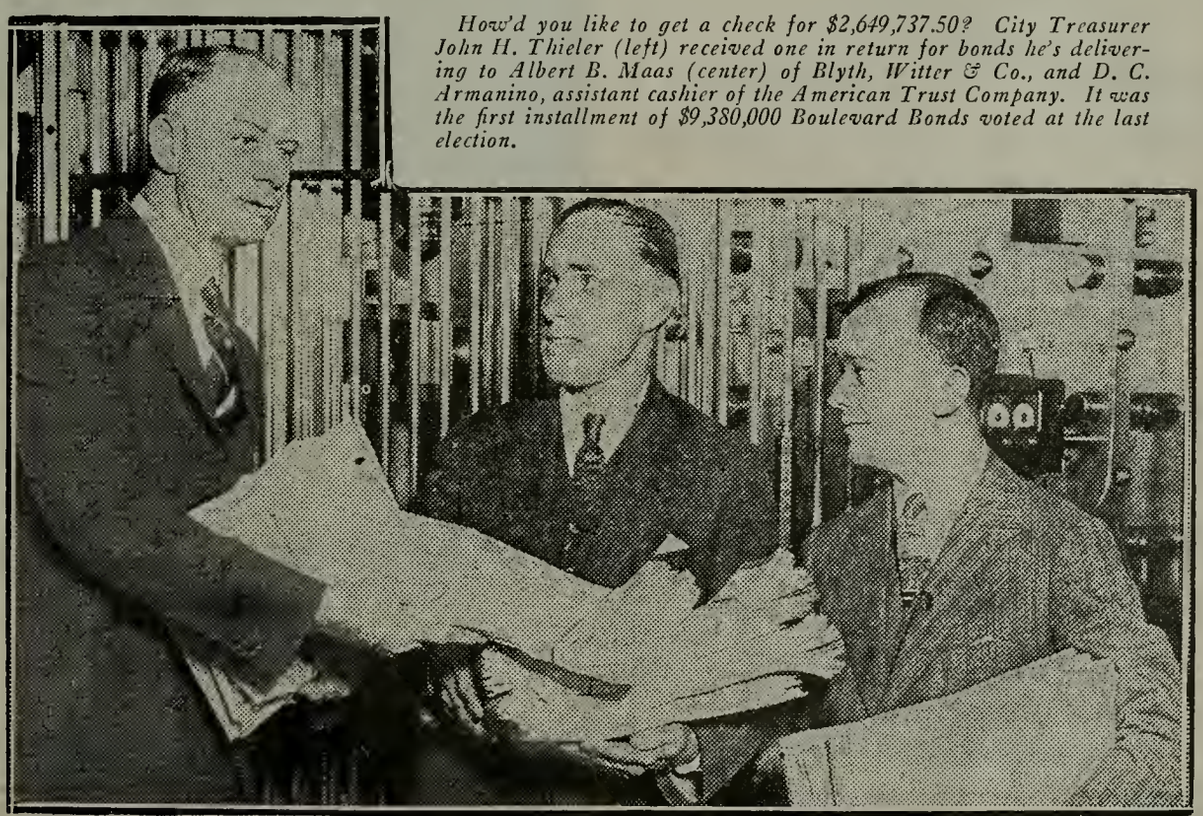
The most important feature of this department is the bound volumes, which cover almost completely the years from 1855, beginning with the first copy of the Bulletin up to date. The value of the collection is not to be measured in dollars and cents. I do not believe that, were the collection to be destroyed, as in the earthquake of 1906, it could be duplicated. The books destroyed in this disaster were not so impossible to replace, although an endless amount of labor, time and thought was required. Many of them were still in print and could be reordered. It was not so with the newspapers. There were just so many copies in existence. At this juncture the library was helped out from many sources. The State Library from Sacramento, the Los Angeles Public Library and private individuals all contributed to the collection.

These bound files of newspapers are the most valued of all the library's varied collections. They contain the history not only of San Francisco, but also of California. From a legal standpoint they are invaluable; many of our noted law cases have been fought with the aid of the newspaper files.

The necessity for procuring birth certificates prior to 1906 also occurs often. The only sources, since all the Health Department data were destroyed, are notices in the vital statistics.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

Passage of the water bonds means that San Francisco will take its place with the progressive major cities of America which own their own water systems and consequently serve themselves with this necessity of life for much less than it costs here.—Jesse C. Colman.



How'd you like to get a check for $2,649,737.50? City Treasurer John H. Thieler (left) received one in return for bonds he's delivering to Albert B. Maas (center) of Blyth, Witter & Co., and D. C. Armanino, assistant cashier of the American Trust Company. It was the first installment of $9,380,000 Boulevard Bonds voted at the last election.

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Classification Report Completed

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of fixing such compensations, in accordance with the duties and responsibilities of the employment, training and experience required, and seniority of the personnel."

In July, 1925, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution requesting the Civil Service Commission to proceed with the classification and appropriating $5000 to defray the expenses.

The Commission appointed a Salary Standardization Board to handle the details of the work. Wilford E. Talbert, Director of the Bureau of Management Research with offices in the Flood Building, was named as Chairman, and James J. Maher, Secretary and Chief Examiner of the Commission, was named as Secretary.

During 1925 and 1926 the Board secured detailed written statements of duties from all employees and department heads and tentatively considered a plan of classification for salary purposes. However, the need was felt for further information in many cases and also for a revision in some particulars of the existing Civil Service classification, so in June, 1926, the Commission requested additional funds and an extension of time for the completion of the work.

In April, 1927, Supervisor James B. McSheehy called a conference to plan the continuance of the work. To this conference were invited the Finance and Civil Service Committees of the Board of Supervisors, the Civil Service Commission, the Salary Standardization Board, and the San Francisco Bureau of Governmental Research.

This conference not only determined upon a plan of procedure, but also accepted the offer of the Bureau of Governmental Research to furnish staff assistance. W. H. Nanry, Director of the Bureau, has since attended all meetings of the Board and helped in every way possible. He also assigned William L. Henderson and Everett J. Gray of the Bureau staff to the work, and they have since given full time without cost to the city.

Incidentally, the conference of April, 1927, was only the first of a number of like conferences of the same group, later conferences being conducted under the leadership of Supervisors Havenner and Colman, Chairmen of the Finance and Civil Service Committees, respectively, of the Board of Supervisors. Members of these two committees and of the Civil Service Commission have kept in close touch with the work and have offered encouragement and many helpful suggestions.

Department heads and employees also, without exception, have cheerfully supplied all of the information requested of them.

AS TO method of work, the original written statements submitted by employees and department heads, together with all communications of every kind received since that time, have been carefully reviewed and analyzed by the Salary Standardization Board. Then field men have visited every department and where advisable have talked with every employee, viewing samples of work, noting records kept, and getting a first-hand picture of the responsibility involved. The principal employees not interviewed were large groups like painters, conductors, motormen, janitors, etc., where the duties of one were found to be typical of the duties of all.

This has taken months and months of the most careful investigation, but the Board now feels that it has reliable information as to what each employee does.

After such an investigation the duties and responsibilities of all of the positions in the entire service were segregated, without regard to departmental lines, so as to bring together all identical or comparable duties and responsibilities and so as to properly relate the various major and minor grades of duty and responsibility in each field of work. Neither present salaries, present incumbents, nor present Civil Service status were allowed to influence this segregation. The sole basis for each grouping was duties and responsibilities. In order to make sure that existing salaries should not influence the judgment of those engaged in the work, all reference to salaries was carefully omitted from all rosters and data sheets used.

When this segregation, or bringing together of identical or comparable duties, was completed, the next step was to name the groups, arrange them in logical order, and prepare a "definition" that would distinguish each group from every other group. That result is the proposed classification.

The classification does not complete the job of salary standardization but it is the necessary first step, and, as soon as the classification has been adopted, the task of fixing salaries for each class can be undertaken by the Supervisors.

Throughout the progress of the work the Board has given the fullest possible publicity to its plans and policies. Progress reports were sent monthly to the Civil Service Commission and to the Finance and Civil Service Committees of the Board of Supervisors. Also progress reports and descriptive articles have been published at frequent intervals in the MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE and in the "San Francisco Municipal Journal" for the information of city employees.

Mayor's Greetings by Air Express

THE greeting and good wishes of Mayor L. E. Slack, of Indianapolis, were received by Acting Mayor Franck Havenner April 4 in a letter dated April 2, and delivered at 8:30 a. m., after having made its westward trip by the first air express operated by the American Railway Express Company. Copies of the Cincinnati "Post" and of the Indianapolis "Times," both dated April 2, addressed to the Mayor were received and will be placed with his collection of New York newspapers delivered some years ago when Lieut. Maughan, of the United States Army made his record-breaking Dawn to Dusk flight between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

The $10,000,000 voted in 1924 will be exhausted this year. Unless more money is provided work must stop and that raises the danger of forfeiture. We cannot take that risk.—**Milo F. Kent.**

Municipal Organizations

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It is reported that Laura Andrews, popular exchange girl at the Municipal Railway, is slightly indisposed. It is hoped that her cheerful voice will soon be back at the Muni Board.

Eddie Johnson has deserted his first love, baseball, and is now spending his evenings trying to figure out the easiest sure things in investments.

Syl Rosenblum, Bill Chase and George Plato claim the non-salary raise championship of the world. They claim that they have been working for the City Government since the fire for the same stipend. The records show from five to seven and one-half years. They are wondering if the present finance committee will be kind enough to note that they are still on the city pay-roll and prevent them from engaging rooms for their declining days in Laguna Honda Home.

From the depths of financial obscurity to a modern "Ponzi" is the marvelous transition of Andy Geggus. The stock market is said to be responsible for the pompous attitude now displayed by this genial pencil pusher.

Miss Crone of the Board of Works is proudly sporting a new sedan. The car is a beauty which is intensified when its fair owner is behind the wheel.

Soon there will be added to the eligible police list several hundred able bodied men whose thinking faculties will be immensely sharpened through the efforts of that thorough and most efficient coach, Mabel Box. Scores and scores of men and women in all branches of the city departments owe their positions to her clever teaching.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater

ON March 5 brother Jim Flynn died after an illness of several weeks. During his sickness Jim rallied slightly and it appeared that he was on his way to health again. Complications set in, however, which resulted in his death. He was one of the oldest employees of the Bureau of Engineering, having given nearly forty years of service to his native city. Jim's passing was keenly felt as shown by his many friends who attended the funeral services.

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Inspector Coon is working in the Mission district where many blocks of pavement have been laid recently.

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Phil Williams has been looking after the city's interests up in Miraloma Park where he is inspecting new streets and sewers. Incidentally, Phil is not worried about spring training as his popular brother, Nick, is at this writing.

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McCarthy finished calculating the parcels of land to be acquired for the Bay Shore Boulevard and it was quite a job. Now, Mac is working on the Alemany job.

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Surveyor Flamm has had his party placing stakes for the work on the Ocean Beach Esplanade. Well, there's plenty of fresh air out there, as Joe Mike would say.

As usual, Charlie Muller has engaged his favorite seat in the bleachers for the Saturday and Sunday games.

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Have you noticed the horns starting to sprout on the heads of Heilman and Rademann lately? The boys were recently initiated into the Elks and Andy Gargarino was the first person to notice the horns.

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By the way, boys, don't forget the smoker right after our next meeting. Ray Grier has been working hard to obtain some real good entertainment, so be there and meet the bunch. Smokes, eats, entertainment, 'n everythin'.

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Bunting, the diminutive inspector, has been out on Fifteenth Avenue between Vicente and Wawona where street work is under way.

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The level headed twins, Hatman and Olson, have been working up notes in the office for several days. Guess the great outdoors look good to them now.

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A. V. Walker has received a year's leave of absence and left for Portland where he will reside during his leave. Manelli said he would get rained out before the year is over, but with Spring here it will only take four months to get webfooted and then A. V. won't mind it.

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Al Mallon is putting in his days out near Fleishhacker Pool where the extension of tunnels under the Skyline Boulevard is being completed.

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First thing you know, Curran will be getting the aviation fever as he has been supervising the construction of the second hangar at Mills Field.

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Dan Ryan is outside again after spending several days working up notes in the big drafting room. He is now on the Third Street bridge where general repairs are being made to the span.

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Lewis is working around Potrero and Army street where the mains are being laid for the high pressure fire system.

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Owing to the grade a special treatment for stairs was necessary on Montgomery street between Green and Union. Scroggy did the inspecting on that job.

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Coughlan and party have been busy on Alemany boulevard trying in certain points for future use when construction commences.

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Al Bowhay has been plugging along figuring the widening of Sierra boulevard from the Circle to the county line.

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Surryhne is now attending the counter in Henry Ohman's room and also handling the inspector's reports.

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Buick Joins the Fire Department

SAN FRANCISCO, one of the first major cities to recognize the advantages of the motor car in fire fighting work and to motorize its departments, has recently placed in commission several new 1928 Buick roadsters for the use of battalion chiefs.

It was the highly efficient record of the many Buicks already in the service of the San Francisco Fire De-

partment that decided the city chiefs to install the additional six roadsters of the same make.

The effortless surge of power which enables the 1928 Buick to flash away like an arrow will be an important factor in increasing the efficiency of the San Francisco fire fighting organization. Another feature that appeals to the firemen is Buick's easier starting qualities, which has been accomplished in the 1928 models by increasing the gear ratio between the flywheel and the starter motor. Consequently, when the alarm is sounded the battalion chief will not lose an instant in getting under way, and with the enhanced getaway of the new roadsters they will reach the scene of conflagration with all possible dispatch.

The addition of these Buick roadsters to the fire department brings the total number of Buicks used by the various departments of the city and county of San Francisco to over ninety. The police department is almost entirely standardized on Buicks, which play an important part in suppressing crime in the city.

John Muir School City's Finest

REPLACING the old Hearst and Moulder schools, San Francisco's newest and finest elementary school, the John Muir, stands completed at the junction of Page, Oak and Webster streets.

So rapidly has the Haight-Fillmore district grown that it has been a problem to provide school facilities. In the John Muir school the Board of Education has provided the last word in school facilities.

Eleven hundred children can be cared for in twenty-four standard class rooms. A manual arts room and a work room for pupils are included. The cooking department is the best of its kind in the state. Although officially accepted by the Board of Education, it has not yet been dedicated. The date for this ceremony has yet to be set, according to Superintendent of Schools Joseph Marr Gwinn.

Plans for the building were drawn by John Reid Jr. It was erected under the supervision of C. H. Sawyer, superintendent of construction, with Frederick E. Patterson as chief inspector.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

High water rates handicap manufacturing and commerce and needlessly penalize the home owner. San Francisco pays the highest water rate in America. Why continue to wear the millstone of high rates about our city's neck?—**Alfred Roncovieri.**

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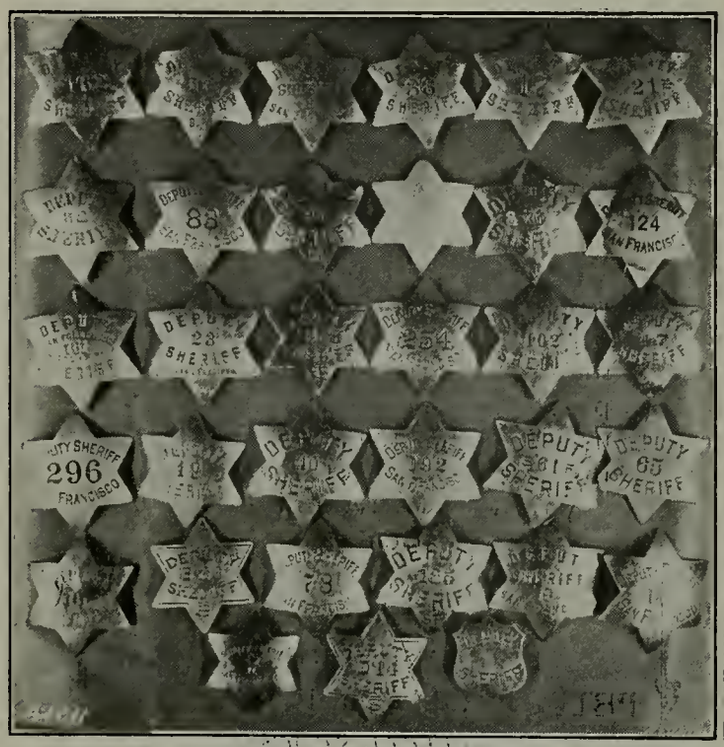
LET'S FINISH THE JOB

San Francisco must own Spring Valley when the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct is finished. Otherwise we will have our own water at the city's gates without any means of distributing it to the people.—Fred Suhr.



Obsolete emblems of authority

New Badges Sported by Deputy Sheriffs

DEPUTIES in the sheriff's office are all sporting brand new badges this month following the finding of Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald that the old badges were in too promiscuous use. A survey conducted by the Sheriff and by Under Sheriff Jack Spaulding revealed that the old badges were of such variety and in the possession of so many former deputies that it was found almost impossible to check them. Hence the order for the new emblem.

GAETANO MALPIEDE

A collection of the antiquated badges is shown in the photograph above. The new badge is being worn by Gaetano Malpiede in the accompanying picture.

Incidentally Malpiede is one of the oldest deputies on the force and is due for retirement in about a year and a half after nearly eighteen years of service faithfully and courteously given to the public. He is 68 years of age and began his duties as a deputy on January 8, 1912.

For many years he acted as jailer in the county jails and was later transferred to Superior Judge Frank H. Dunne's court, where he has acted as bailiff for five years. He is very highly regarded by his fellow officers and particularly by attorneys and others who have business in court.

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Fire Department

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ful wrist watch of late. Looks like the curtain call for the house clock.

Frank Cameron, the operator supreme of District 4, meets all the boys who do vacation stretches with a smile. What is the big idea, Frank?

Lieut. McDevitt, of Engine 29, was seen doing his stuff on the Harding links during the past month. If appearance means anything, Ray, you certainly look the part of a champion.

Clarence Love, the boy with the lily-white complexion, is still wondering who sent him the set of false teeth. Why not consult Dr. Strasska, Clarence?

Gerald Callaghan, better known as the Rip Van Winkle of Engine 7, has lost his appetite of late. It is an ill wind that blows no one some good as the loss of Gerald's appetite will enable the rest of us to catch up with him.

Frank Farley, of 17 Engine, was seen up in the dormitory drilling an imaginary company at a "theoretical" fire with Bill Freeland "leading in" with his trombone. Music might have the charms to quiet a wild beast, but we've never heard of it used on a fire. Something new like the radio or television? An article on the subject would be appreciated, Frank, at the next convention.

Rainey, of 47 Engine, blames his queer actions on the new moon. Well, it maybe the moon, but when it's foggy out there several nights at a time what right has he suddenly to start training and commence road work in back of the quarters? How does he know the moon is even up?

Seems as though Mr. Hertz, he of "Driv-ur-self" fame, has joined our Department. Anyway, Bill Black, of 2 Truck, has been seen "high-hatting" the rest of the boy friends with his new Hertz car. What a time Bill will have with the feminine sex now. He used to use a club.

"D. I." (Sullivan), of Truck 1, is envious of Lon Chaney. He believes with a little practice he could outdo his once favorite actor. Anyway, it is mentioned that he prowls around quaters doing imitations and at the same time he keeps his eyes closed tightly so none of the other members can see him.

Ha! Ha! We've heard you "can't fool an old horsefly," but we never thought of working out on a poor old hen. Anyway, Cap Mitchell, of 47 Engine purchased two glass eggs and put them under a setting hen. Sometime during the night someone must have placed about ten little chicks under the same hen and took the eggs away. In the morning the Cap was seen to scratch his head in deep thought and the old hen had a suspicious look in her eye when the Cap's name was mentioned.

The first thing the Cap did then was go back and buy two dozen more glass eggs in the same store. He has them right next to the stove and is watching them very closely. Well, good luck, Cap.

Well, they say today that the only good turn that can be made is with a corkscrew! Anyway, Charley Ricco, of 20 Engine, is busy studying worms. He believes he has discovered something that can make more turns than the necessary tool mentioned. Good luck, Charles.

Every competent engineer who has studied San Francisco's problem testifies that the purchase of Spring Valley will reduce taxes and water rates.—**Walter J. Schmidt.**

Of Interest to Women

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always be easy to procure lettuce, romaine or endive at a price which fits the purse, but if winter salads must be continued until warm weather brings green plants into the market at low prices, we can make from cabbages, canned vegetables and fruits, many tempting delicacies for the in-between salad.

Try such a combination as this superlative salad for dinner some time soon:

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Mix the chopped citron, diced celery and nuts with enough mayonnaise to form in balls. Place each half peach on lettuce leaves, put a ball of the fruit and nut mixture in center, and garnish with maraschino cherries. Serve with Best Foods Mayonnaise as a base.

Best Foods Mayonnaise needs no introduction to the skillful home-maker and culinery expert and by mixing with this perfect base, three teaspoons of powdered sugar one half a cup of whipped cream and two teaspoons of lemon juice, using half a pint of the mayonnaise, a novel and delightful dressing for fruit salad is made.

Cabbage has ever been a standby for the between-season salad and here is a version which is a refreshing relief from heavy winter fare. Cut a tart apple into slender strips about an inch long, then mix with it two cups of shredded cabbage marinated with a tablespoon of vinegar. One green pepper and one pimiento chopped fine give zest and color and three tablespoons of chopped nuts add a novel touch. Mix these ingredients well together adding a half teaspoon of salt and pepper to taste and then mix lightly with colorful Best Foods Thousand Island Dressing.

St. Joseph's Reunion, May 13

By Thomas W. McCarthy

A REUNION of all former pupils of St. Joseph's school since its founding in 1865 will be held at the Whitcomb Hotel on Sunday, May 13, Mothers' Day.

The pupils will assemble first at St. Joseph's Church, Tenth and Howard streets, for the 9:30 a. m. Mass, when special services will be held in honor of all mothers.

The reunion will be held on the roof garden of the hotel, where a special luncheon will be served. All city employees, their families and friends who attended St. Joseph's School at any time are requested to be present. Those planning to come should inform the writer by mail or telephone at the City Attorney's office, City Hall, telephone Park 8500. They should furnish their names and addresses.

The water properties are to be managed by a public utilities commission which will select competent engineers and water experts. This commission is to be appointed by the Mayor, approved by the Supervisors and will be subject to recall by the people.—**Warren Shannon.**

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THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By Louise M. O'Hara

CUPID MUNSON has been making many mysterious visits to this office recently and we think possibly he is drumming up trade. At any rate a rumor has it that vivacious Emma Foley is contemplating a change of name.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Joseph Tuite is now on the high road to recovery, having had a long and serious illness.

Mrs. Eda Schwartz was in an automobile accident in which she received several broken ribs and a badly bruised limb. However she is once more at her desk. It takes more than an auto accident to keep a good woman from her job.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to our well loved Jerry Moore, who is having more than his share of sorrow. Jerry has just lost another cousin, which makes three within one month. Life is indeed wracking the soul of the kindliest man on our staff.

The charming young daughter of Phil Hirleman was married last week and we wish her happiness. Just another son added to the family circle.

If you want to know anything about Alcatraz Island and Goat Island ask Frances O'Neill, Emma Foley or Winifred Gaffney. They were guests of the Business and Professional Women's Club on their excursion and tour of these places recently. The girls were greatly edified by the cleanliness and cheer of Alcatraz as well as by the beauties of Goat Island. And that's nothing to what they thought about the Battleship West Virginia or was it the officers who personally conducted them around?

THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

By Sister Susie

THERE are almost as many supplies this month as there are s's on the Supplies Committee: Schmidt, Shannon and Stanton.

The School Department is preparing for the spring term, and the Purchaser is buying pens and paper and all kinds of knick knacks to carry on a school with, and it will cost about $65,000. They are also getting some new pianos and, what with the scavenger and window cleaning contracts, Helene Wright wears a worried look.

Bubbles McKenna has been very busy tabulating the annual supplies. That is why you boys have not been able to talk to her over the counter.

The Relief Home will have about 26,000 dozen processed eggs for use in the bakery. Eggs are processed in oil these days. They don't "put them down" in water glass as we used to. They're much better, too. And four hundred little chicks have arrived at the Laguna Honda Home to take up their residence there with the old folks.

By the way, speaking of eggs, Dan Flanagan is the proud possessor of three birds—Maxine, Ruby and Pete. Dan hopes to raise a feathered family soon. He is quite domesticated. I think Ruby is Pete's mother-in-law. However, she is not living with the happy young couple.

There are 68 cities in America with population of more than 100,000. All but eight own their water systems and San Francisco is the only city with more than 400,000 inhabitants which does not own its water supply.—**Frank J. McGovern.**

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THE RECORDER'S OFFICE

THE Recorder's Office lost one of its most popular employees when Charles Allen was transferred to the County Clerk's Office. Our loss is their gain, and we all wish Charles the best of luck. We welcome Mr. Cheney who filled Allen's place, and warn him to look out for a certain party who is prone to hand newcomers a small one to put in.

Al Smith Walsh and Herbert Hoover Mahony continue to have their daily arguments. It used to be as to who pulled the other out of a grave; now it is about their favorite candidate.

Tom Mahoney is the proud possessor of a new sedan.

Lest we forget, we also wish to welcome Mrs. Judge, not a new, but a returned member of the copyist family. Mrs. Judge still likes her Spearmint.

Mr. Kinrod, who recently purchased a beautiful home in the Miraloma Park district, is planning a house-warming. His advisor, Mr. Leopold Popper, is suggesting the menu, which will NOT consist of roast pork.

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere was nothing compared to the ride Pete Clavere gave Rube Kalisky when he drove him home from Thirty-eighth Avenue the other evening in three minutes.

Jimmie Sullivan, prominent club man and stock and bond broker, after his experience of last year, has refused to buy Joe Hayes any more hot dogs at the ball game.

Jim Reinfield and Pete Clavere have improved their golf game to the extent of being able to make the Harding course in 160.

Rube Kalisky's protege, Clyde Headrick, was badly beaten the other evening by Joe Roche. Rube claims that he overmatched his fighter, and to get him started on the right path again is seeking a match for him with Lester Livingston.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

San Francisco pays the highest water rate in America. Philadelphia has owned its water supply for nearly 100 years and its rate is 6 cents per 1000 gallons. San Francisco pays 37 cents. Chicago has owned its water supply for more than half a century and its rate is 9 cents. Los Angeles' rate is 17 cents, Seattle 10 cents and Detroit 6½ cents. Public ownership of water is not an experiment. It is what every progressive city has.—**Charles J. Powers.**

The Spring Valley purchase should be voted May 1. Good business and the progress of the city demand it. Purchase of Spring Valley means safeguarding the millions already invested; cheaper water; abundant water; lower taxes. Failure to purchase means possible forfeiture of Hetch Hetchy and loss of the investment; a greatly increased cost later on; a serious water shortage; loss of nearly $15,000,000 in profits in the next five years.—**James B. McSheehy.**

Not only is this the first time that the people have had the opportunity to end their water troubles at one election, but it is the first time that they have been assured in advance that the water system will be administered by a non-political business administration—a utilities commission which will begin work early next year when the Spring Valley properties are actually acquired.—**Cornelius J. Deasy.**

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Municipal Railway

By Eugene W. Clisbee

SUPERINTENDENT FRED BOEKEN addressed the members of the Park-Presidio Improvement Club early this month on the progress and problems of the Municipal Railway. Passenger receipts, he said, had grown steadily from the birth of the system until 1926, when the road experienced a slump which lasted until last November. Since then the lines have again resumed their forward march.

EUGENE W. CLISBEE
—Photo by Hartsook

He particularly stressed the low accident rate of the system as compared with other cities, only New Orleans showing a better record.

Superintendent Boeken expressed the hope that at the next bond election on Municipal Railway extensions each proposition be listed separately so that proposals to build lines that would pay from the start would not be coupled with proposals for lines into pioneer territory. He pointed out that an extension along Balboa street would be a financial success from the beginning and is now necessary to relieve congestion on the "B" line. No more cars could be put on the "B" route, he said, because safety demands a certain spacing of cars on the hills and a 51-second headway during rush hours below Van Ness avenue has brought the down-town line to the saturation point.

An interesting table was presented showing earnings per car hour on the eleven municipal lines. These comparative figures are: "A," $3.92; "B," $4.25; "C," $3.62; "D," $3.91; Union, $2.62; Stockton, $4.59; Van Ness "H," $2.71 (due to many transfer passengers); Church, $3.97; "K," $3.45; "L," $3.21; and "M," less

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than $1.00. The aggregate, he said, compared favorably with the Market Street Railway, its two best paying lines, 1 and 2, paying respectively $4.22 and $3.50 per car hour.

The annual report issued this month shows that the system carried 25,417 passengers for each accident report or a total of 84,283,000 passengers carried for the year and a total of 3,316 accidents reported. Of the accident total, 2,336 or 70 per cent were vehicle accidents, mostly of a minor nature. Only 62 reports, or about 2 per cent, were filed showing accidents to passengers. The accident report ranks next to New Orleans which shows 32,467 passengers per accident. Other cities are: Oakland, 20,240; Seattle, 19,431; Washington, D. C., 17,146; Denver, 15,797; Omaha, 13,938; Portland, 10,689; and Kansas City, 10,057.

Over 350,000,000 passengers have been carried on the system without a fatal accident.

Labor turnover for the year was only 6 per cent, a very low figure compared with privately operated roads which run as high as 20 per cent. This is due to the fact that men employed on the Municipal Railway must be residents of San Francisco. Of 920 platform men, 41 per cent have been in the employ of the road more than ten years, 62 per cent more than five years and 86 per cent more than two years.

This labor record and the fact that the municipal cars are equipped with modern safety appliances contributes largely to the low accident rate.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY

By Joseph Murphy

SPRING has come and with it spring training and rivalry. The Inspectors are in the pink and are just waiting for the picnic May 20 and the baseball game. It took six months of practice on the part of the Machinists last year to give the Inspection Department even a work-out.

Let's get together and make this year's spring outing a real picnic. Last year's was a big success, but this year it can be made even better.

The Department of Electricity is composed of several units, the linemen, machinists, inspectors and others and yet many of the boys hardly know each other, that is, on a social basis. The spring picnic should be just the opening for a season of friendly rivalry in all lines of sports. The department has plenty of fellows possessed of vim and vigor.

Joe De Vecmon was greatly disappointed to think that his fellow workers would even try to deceive him. Joe can tell four aces when he holds them, but when it comes to judging radio sets, he is a good inspector.

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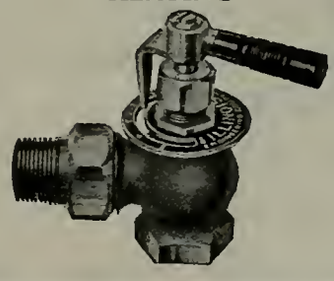

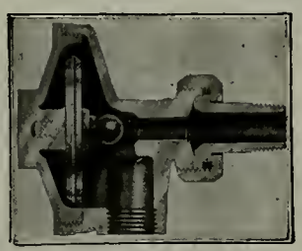

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Parks and Museums

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long-continued negotiations with the Government at Washington looking to the further improvement of Aquatic Park. Certain questions of the use of the water front by the Federal Government and by the City of San Francisco are now in a position to be settled to mutual satisfaction. This will lead to new improvements in the line of water sports at this location.

Pat McHugh, who has charge of the birds on Stow Lake, is bewailing the loss of Billy, the big Canadian honker goose, which, with his mate, had long lorded it over the lake in the neighborhood of the Boat House. Somebody stole Billy to adorn his dinner-table. Pat hopes he found the goose very tough eating.

Another playground has been added to Golden Gate Park by Superintendent John McLaren. This is a small one located in Albert Chaquette's section, on the walk from the Fulton Street and Seventeenth Avenue entrance to the Park. Swings, slides, parallel bars, and sand boxes have been provided.

The Park Commission was asked by the California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association to decorate the stage at Native Sons' Hall for the Association's Exhibition on April 11 and 12. This work was beautifully done by Thomas A. Munro, to whom Superintendent McLaren entrusted the undertaking. He used tulips, rhododendrons, and shrubs of various kinds.

Miss Agnes Ferguson Munro, only daughter of Thomas A. Munro, Superintendent of Small Parks and Squares, was married on April 21 to Roland B. Nichols. The ceremony took place at the Howard Presbyterian church, Dr. James Reid officiating. The young couple are receiving the felicitations of numerous friends.

Legion of Honor Palace

THE great Carnegie International Exhibition of Modern Art, which opened at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor on March 25, has attracted crowds of unprecedented numbers. The collection includes 278 oil paintings gathered from fifteen European countries, and it shows, as no other collection ever brought to this Coast has, the best results of contemporary art activity on the other side of the Atlantic.

Director Cornelia B. Sage Quinton, and Curator W. W. Quinton, with their staff, have hung the paintings to the best possible advantage, and in so doing it was necessary to use ten galleries of the Palace. The art critics of the newspapers and magazines of this section have found the collection so interesting and important that they have made repeated visits to see the pictures and to enable them to study and describe the different groups.

The Director and the Curator, with their regular force, are daily offering every assistance to visitors in getting the most out of the Exhibition. Dr. Quinton has secured the services, also, of Miss Evelyn Peters Ellsworth, who is giving a lecture in the Sculpture Court of the Palace every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, during the show, at three o'clock. These lectures are followed by promenade talks on the pictures, in the galleries. Numerous clubs and schools have availed themselves of the arrangements that can be made through the Director for special lectures.

The Carnegie Exhibition will continue up to and

including May 13, when the pictures will be shipped back to Europe.

De Young Memorial Hospital

THE exhibition of pictures in oil, water color, pastel, miniatures, and illuminations, the work of artist members of the League of American Pen Women, and placed by them in the auditorium of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park, came to an end on April 15, after having been on view for a month. Over a hundred titles were included in this interesting and creditable show.

Each Thursday afternoon during the exhibition the Pen Women gave a special musical and literary entertainment, generally including original numbers by their members. Lectures on art subjects were also featured, and Curator George Haviland Barron made several addresses to the ladies. Mr. Barron and his assistant, Miss Elizabeth Holmes, with the staff of the Museum, cooperated in every way with the Pen Women to make the event the success it was. The number of visitors was very large.

The semi-weekly lecture program for the de Young Museum for the month of May is as follows: May 2 and 6, Louis C. Towne in the gallery of musical instruments; on the 9th and 13th, Miss Helen Gordon Barker will discuss the ivory and bronze statuary exhibits; on the 16th and 20th, Mr. Towne will lecture on the lace collection; on the 23rd and 27th, Miss Barker will talk in the Hall of Antiquities; and on the 30th, as well as on June 3, Mr. Towne will discuss the exhibits in the arms and armor gallery. The lectures are given on Sundays beginning at four o'clock, and on Wednesdays, beginning at two. All are free to the public.

Every Monday morning at ten-fifteen o'clock Miss Barker delivers a fifteen-minute lecture over radio station KPO, discussing art topics connected with the de Young Museum.

Bill Hamilton Gets Ready for Another Big Feed

THAT celebrated chef de lux, William A. Hamilton, is devoting his spare moments these days and evenings to preparing the menu for "A Night in Italy" to be staged by Mission Council of the Knights of Columbus in the Peacock Room at Tait's during the latter part of May. Bill promises plenty of water as he is managing the City Municipal Water Works for the Board of Public Works.

Just recently William competed with the South of Market Boys in organizing the Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner given under the auspices of Mission Council of the Knights of Columbus in Eureka Valley Improvement Hall. The corn beef dinner on this occasion developed into a banquet under the magic touch of this famous kitchen artist. From crab salad to pie, with all the trimmings, created delightful agony for the honored guests.

The treat of the evening was the entertainment given the joyful assemblage by Miss Claire Hallinan of Ziegfeld's Follies. Her sweet voice and clever dancing were captivating.

Among the prominent guests were Frank Perry, Grand Knight; Arthur Hold, President of the Mission Merchants; Matt Ashe of City Hall fame; Charlie Smith, director-general of drayage transportation, and Miss Beltrana, City Clerk of San Bruno.

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Water, the Vital Need

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Our experts have informed us that our revenue from our hydro-electric energy will, over a certain period of time, justify the reduction of rates. But the system was not projected to reduce rates so much as permanently to provide for an essential of life, which would have to be secured at any cost. In other words: we do not save, but lose money by stopping the work at this time, and it is equaily certain that we would do irreparable injury to the city in the eyes of the world. People do not build for the future unless the future is assured.

The Spring Valley water system is a necessary adjunct, which, if we had a free hand, we should, for business and prudential reasons, acquire. But, under the Raker Act, which is the source of our authority to tap the Sierras' supply, we have to acquire nearby water resources.

So, taking the bond proposal, as a whole, it is not only highly desirable, but it is necessary for the city to take affirmative action. We would be practically in the place of Neptune—out of a job if the ocean should dry up!

Every great city, studying the springs of its municipal life, has sought a water supply as a *sine qua non*. We have ours within grasp, and, therefore, every consideration of business judgment requires us to GRASP IT.

THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

THIS office is in the final throes of collecting the city and county taxes for the fiscal year 1927-1928. There still remain nearly $10,000,000 to be collected as this is written with ten days to go. Taxes become delinquent at 6 p. m. on Monday, April 30.

Tax Collector Edward F. Bryant has put on a large number of extra clerks, which will reduce waiting to a minimum. He urges taxpayers not to wait until the last day.

Deputy Joseph St. Clair has returned from Sacramento to aid in the final rush.

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THE following letter has been received from Motorman J. H. Fogarty of the Municipal Railway, who was seriously injured March 26 in an unusual accident when he slipped on a wet pavement while leaving the Potrero car barns after finishing his day's work and struck his head on the running board of a power company truck.

6127 California St., April 12, 1928.

Editor Municipal Employee:

I desire to express my sincere appreciation, through the columns of your publication, to all those who so kindly assisted me in a recent accident. Particularly to the executives of the Great Western Power Company, Messrs. Green, Murphy, Marvin and Kendall, to Frank Bollenbach, dispatcher, and Benjamin H. R. Roberts, assistant superintendent at the Potrero barns. Also to employees of the power company who rendered first aid. I also owe a deep sense of gratitude to Doctors Scott and Kramer of the Emergency Hospital for their valuable services.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) J. H. FOGARTY.

By Franck R. Havenner

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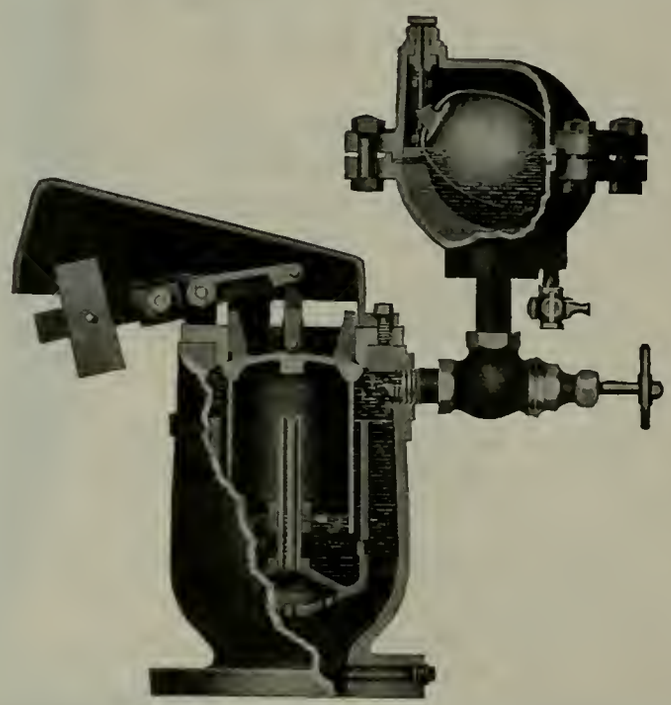

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June, 1928

Fire and Water

SINCE our previous issue came off the press San Francisco did a good job for itself when it passed by amazing majorities, the Hetch Hetchy and Spring Valley bond issues, relieving our minds of any future worry over the completion of this mighty project.

The size of the favorable vote is a glowing tribute to officials and employees of the city who directed or took part in the campaign. To their intelligent and conscientious effort may be attributed the double victory.

As a natural result of the election San Francisco, as a municipality, becomes interested in the convention of the American Water Works Association, which opens at the Fairmont Hotel here on June 11. This is the most important annual gathering of experts in the United States interested in water company utilities. High officials and engineers from all over the country will be here to discuss mutual problems and to lay plans for the future. San Francisco as a municipality will take an active part in the convention, for City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy is listed as a speaker, and many experts of the Spring Valley Company, already quasi-public officials, are on the program.

SPECIAL attention also is given in this issue to the Fire Department, which has just added a new unit, engine house 19, to the extensive and competent organization headed for so many years by Fire Chief Thomas R. Murphy. To his efficient leadership and to the ability of every man under him is due the reputation of San Francisco's fire department as the equal of any in all the world.

Articles contributed by President Sherman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Percy Garnett, a fire preventionist of note, and Jesse H. McLendon, one of Chief Murphy's able assistants, discuss various phases of the problem of fire prevention and control.

As this issue goes to press the budget for the next fiscal year has been given its first passage by the Board of Supervisors. That it excluded requests for salary raises for city employees was a great disappointment to the employees, but, as a whole, it has won general approval because it makes provision for necessary growth within the limits of a normal tax rate. Now that the budget labor is behind us the city may settle down to a year of constructive effort.

The public utility commission amendment to the charter, the proposed Health Department and Playground bond issues, the Portola festival as planned by Supervisor Milton Marks and the bay bridge are a few of the things that will occupy official minds for the next few months.

Water Supply of San Francisco

By GEORGE A. ELLIOTT
Vice-President and Chief Engineer, Spring Valley Water Company

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THE city of San Francisco is supplied with water by the Spring Valley Water Company, a public service corporation subject to regulation by the California State Railroad Commission. The developed capacity of the system in 1928 is 66 million gallons daily, and the consumption about 49 million gallons daily. About 2.8 million gallons daily of this amount is used along the route of the transmission lines outside of San Francisco. The Company owns 79,515 acres of land, consisting of watershed property and land overlying the subterranean sources as well as reservoir sites and that used in connection with the structures necessary for water-supply purposes. In the transmission of water from the sources to the distributing system use is made of seven miles of tunnels, 13.8 miles of flumes and concrete aqueducts and ninety miles of riveted pipe ranging in diameter from thirty inches to fifty-four inches. There are 713 miles of pipe in the city distributing system, supplying 100,100 service connections and 4950 fire hydrants.

The present supply is derived from catchment reservoirs in Alameda, San Mateo and San Francisco Counties, and from wells in the Livermore Valley and infiltration galleries in the Sunol Valley, both valleys being situated in Alameda County. The region in the vicinity of San Francisco is designated as semi-arid and past experience has proved the necessity for a storage capacity equal to three years' demand in order to continue the supply through the dry cycles which occur with regularity.

THE peninsula supply, as those sources situated in San Mateo and San Francisco are known, consists of four reservoirs. Pilarcitos Reservoir is situated about

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Second in size of the three San Mateo County storage reservoirs is San Andres, which takes its name from a valley famous in the annals of the Spanish explorers. In 1868 an earthen dam was thrown across San Andres Creek, forming this artificial lake. Though San Andres earthquake fault runs through the dam, it suffered no damage in 1906.

S. F. Welcomes A. W. W. A. Convention

By Geo. W. Pracy
Superintendent, Spring Valley Water Company

FOR the first time since its organization, nearly a half century ago, the American Water Works Association will come to the Pacific Coast to hold its forty-eighth annual convention in San Francisco from June 11 to 15, with headquarters at the Fairmont Hotel. Ordinarily one of the most important of annual conventions, to San Franciscans at this time in view of the favorable action recently by the electorate on the Hetch Hetchy and Spring Valley issues, the convention is of greatest importance and interest.

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City Engineer, San Francisco
Convention Speaker

More than fifteen hundred delegates from every state in the Union are expected, while families of the delegates and guests will swell the total to a large figure. The program for the four-day session is impressive with the names of nationally known engineers and technical experts. Locally the East Bay district is represented among the speakers by M. M. O'Shaughnessy, city engineer of San Francisco; G. A. Elliott, vice-president and general manager of the Spring Valley Water Company; Professor C. A. Kofoid of the University of California, Berkeley; V. E. Perry, Spring Valley Water Company; R. B. F. Chisholm, California Water Service Company, San Francisco; W. F. Langelier, University of California, Berkeley; Joseph DeCosta, East Bay Water Company, Oakland; Fred C. Scobey, United States Department of Agriculture, Berkeley; Professors L. T. Jones and Walter S. Weeks, University of California, Berkeley, and others of prominence.

On Tuesday the entire evening session held in the Venetian Room is devoted to illuminating discussions of our local water problem and its solution, by General Manager Elliott of the Spring Valley Water Company and City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy, with "San Francisco Water Supply" and "Hetch Hetchy Water Supply" respectively for their topics.

On the roster of the Water Works Manufacturers' Association officers and committees are many well known local engineers, including Carroll B. Abbott of the Water Works Supply Company, vice-chairman of the entertainment committee; G. W. Holloway, United States Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry Company, member of the entertainment committee; J. R. Barker of the Neptune Meter Company, chairman of the exhibit committee; Alex Bell, Wallace & Tiernam Company, Inc., member of the same committee; R. W. Martindale, United States Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry Company, chairman of the golf committee, while on the general convention committee are G. A. Elliott, J. R. Barker, George W. Pracy and George Wilhelm, chief engineer of the East Bay Water Company.

Among the well known local ladies serving on the ladies' entertainment committee are Mrs. George W. Pracy, Mrs. Alexander Bell, Mrs. G. Lyebbrook West and Mrs. J. E. O'Leary.

One of the most interesting parts of the four-day program is an exhibition and demonstration by the East Bay Water Company under the direction of Louis L. Farrell, superintendent of distribution for the company. The exhibit will consist of some fifteen or more variously processed taps and joints in various sized pipes, while the demonstrations will show problems solved under actual working conditions by picked employees from the East Bay Water Company. Somewhat similar exhibits and demonstrations were put on

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Make Fire A Servant Not a Master

By Wm. A. Sherman
President Board of Fire Commissioners of San Francisco

LET us consider what it means to the country to reduce to ashes, each year, more than half a billion dollars of material wealth, not to mention the loss of human lives that accompanies the fire destruction.

In the first place, it results in throwing away time, labor and materials, for burned property can never be restored; it takes out of circulation in productive channels the tremendous aggregate of insurance payments that otherwise would be employed to promote commerce and industry.

When burned structures are not rebuilt, the taxes they formerly paid must be pro-rated over the remaining property, and thus fire losses add to taxes. They also augment tax levies by making necessary the maintenance of larger fire departments, with more expensive apparatus.

Where inadequate building and fire prevention laws prevail, immense fire departments, heavily equipped and manned, must be provided at an ever increasing and staggering cost to the taxpayer. The growing protest against the rising tide of taxation must inevitably cause a demand for a reduction in the cost of maintaining all departments of government, and no person is more interested in avoiding such a condition than the municipal employee.

Since both taxes and insurance protection enter into the overhead of every business, it is clear that fire losses have become a factor of no small importance in the cost of operating industry and in the cost of living. In the circumstances, it is evident that fire losses affect in some degree the price of every purchasable item, from a loaf of bread to an apartment house.

THESE are the general effects of fire loss, but in individual instances the aftermath of the flames' visit, is even more striking and regrettable. Take, for example, an extensive plant engaged in a special line of work and with a force of operatives carefully gathered together and trained during a period of years to turn out a certain product. I heard recently of a mill that one day was swept by fire until it was nearly a blackened ruin. The owners decided not to rebuild and the thousand and more employees were thrown out of employment. Since they were skilled in only one line of endeavor, there were few openings for them in that town, and with the stoppage of wage payments their impoverishment soon began to be felt.

Savings bank balances and building and loan accounts had to be drawn upon; purchases of merchandise were abruptly curtailed; landlords had to wait for

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their rents or go without, amusement business fell off appreciably and church contributions were at a minimum. Soon there began an exodus to other places where work was to be had, children were taken from the schools, families were disrupted, and eventually the town became only a shadow of its former prosperous self—and all because of fire.

Despite the evidences on every hand of the disastrous economic effects of fire waste, the average citizen does not seem to sense his or her connection with it; in fact, most citizens treat the question of fire prevention as if it were no concern of theirs.

Two reasons for this peculiar attitude of mind among our people with reference to fire waste stand out prominently; first, the average citizen has never had a fire in a property owned by him and he, therefore, looks upon fire as something that only remotely concerns him. Second, the average citizen feels that he is fully protected, since he is covered by insurance and has adequate protection against fire by reason of a fire department. He pays for insurance and for fire department maintenance and, therefore, assumes that he has done his full duty in the matter.

FIRES at the rate of one a minute mean that every minute of each day in the year we are paying for the cost of our neighbor's carelessness, no matter how far we may be removed from him. The trivial causes that go to make up fire waste, such as rubbish accumulations, careless use of matches, neglect to extinguish

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Traffic—The New Fire Menace

By Jesse H. McLendon
Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety

THE problem of present-day traffic has become a very serious one for fire departments—so serious that it demands immediate measures of relief. The future offers no remedy for this problem through the lessening of traffic. Instead the problem tends to increase in seriousness, as traffic grows and the city's demand becomes greater for street space.

A failure to meet this existing and growing problem has seriously handicapped the fire department in properly and efficiently performing its duties.

When a fire alarm is sounded, it is necessary that fire apparatus respond as quickly as possible in order to reach the fire while it is in its incipiency. Thousands of dollars and often life itself depends upon the prompt arrival of the fire department at a fire.

ALTHOUGH fire apparatus must meet certain speed requirements before its acceptance, speed is almost impossible under present traffic conditions. Moving traffic often fails to heed the urgent cry of the siren, and carelessly parked traffic blocks the progress en route.

More parked automobiles hamper the work of the firemen after their arrival at the scene of the fire. Locked cars stand in front of the burning building or nearby while their owners are possibly attending to business or seeking pleasure many blocks away. Owners are giving little thought, if any, to their automobiles that are blocking hydrants or obstructing the front and rear of burning buildings. Meanwhile other automobiles are seriously handicapping the firemen in their work of raising ladders, stretching in lines of hose, and the many other duties that firemen have to perform in a quick and efficient manner. This is a handicap that becomes more acute in the rear of burning buildings when they extend from one street to an alley.

Often machines and trucks are parked under counter-balanced ladders—ladders which are attached to the lower balconies of fire escapes. They are parked in a way that prevents the proper working of these ladders and unnecessarily jeopardizes the lives of the occupants in the building on fire, who are compelled to use these ladders in making their escape.

Then we all know the speed maniac who, when traveling in the residential districts, forgets all sense of responsibility and rushes past street crossings without giving heed to the possibility of approaching fire apparatus.

STREET car traffic also often forms an impenetrable blockade at the intersection of streets, a blockade caused by failure of cars to stop in a position which would permit a clear and safe passageway for the heavy fire apparatus. To make the blockade more impenetrable there are often machines parked at the point where the cars stop. These same street cars, in order to keep on schedule time, are compelled to travel at rapid rates of speed in the outlying districts—often failing to stop at the intersection of streets and making it very unsafe for fire apparatus to respond to alarms.

And finally, there are the idly curious, who seemingly consider the satisfying of their curiosity paramount to the saving of life and property at a fire and to the safety of the firemen, who must ride upon the apparatus. They form a veritable concourse of vehicles that race to the scene of a fire, choke and obstruct all streets and alleys that lead to it, and block

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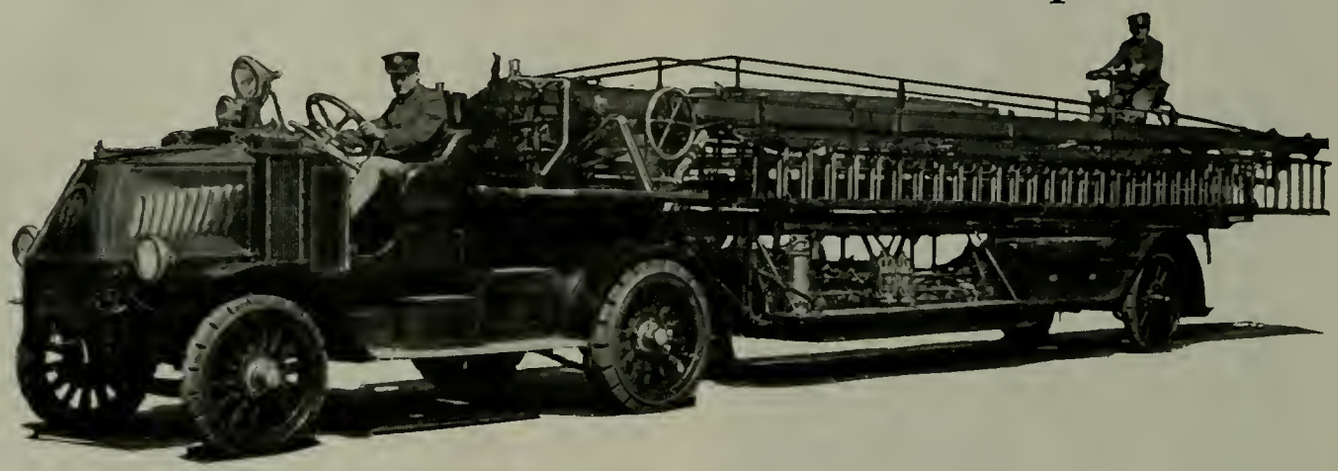

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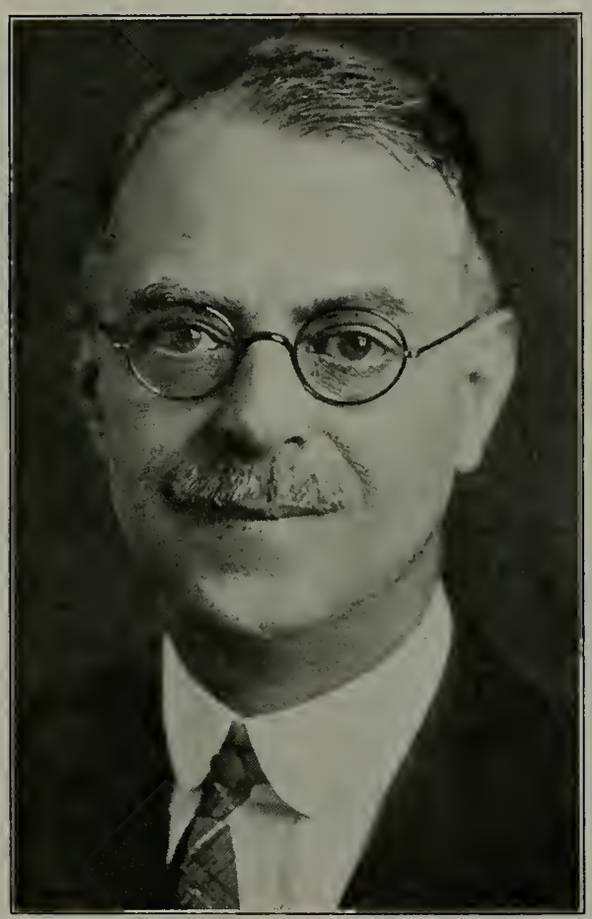
Safety Factors Lessen Fire Waste

By PERCY F. GARNETT
Fire Preventionist

MISTAKEN economy in building homes, office buildings, stores and factories often leads to useless fire waste. A few more dollars invested in better building methods would often check the spread of flames, making it possible to keep a fire under control until the fire department arrived.

When a man is building a home and the architect draws his plans according to all the standards of fire protection, should the owner wish to reduce the cost as shown by the estimate, the first things to be eliminated are too often the factors of safety. A cedar lined closet seems far more important than the fact that the stairway is unenclosed, that fire stops within the walls have been eliminated or that the chimney has a flue which is not absolutely safe. If it means elimination of a breakfast nook to get a fire-resistive roof, the owner much prefers to get along without the safe roof. This is false economy.



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The man who claps wooden shingles on his roof-deck does so nearly always because, though he may vaguely realize their hazard, he believes them to be cheaper than approved fire-resistive roof coverings. For an ordinary roofing job, perhaps, wooden shingles of a nondescript sort are less expensive in initial cost than approved material. What the layman does not appreciate is that such a covering will require repair, and probably entire replacement, in a period of time that is virtually commensurate with the first cost. In other words, to purchase the best obtainable grade of wooden shingles, to lay them properly, and to maintain the covering in repair ordinarily will cost more in the end than it will to buy and attach an approved, sparkproof roofing, architecturally suitable and guaranteed for a definite number of years. The very cheapness, relatively, of the lower grades of wooden shingles implies, indeed, uncertainty as to durability and certainty as to burnability.

OWING to building methods during the past fifty years there is not in North America a single city in which there is not daily and nightly hazard of a sweeping fire. Individual owners may do their utmost to protect their own properties, but unless they are located at points remote from conflagration areas they are not immune from outside fire attack. Over and over again this fact has been demonstrated in the long list of conflagrations that have decimated American cities in the last two decades.

Fires confined to a single building will continue indefinitely, but the sweeping fire can be abolished.

In the larger cities of the country there has slowly developed the conviction that protection facilities in the shape of powerful fire departments is not the entire answer, and that fire loss reduction can only be attained by attacking the problem at its source. In the smaller cities this realization has been slower in development and efforts along prevention lines have met with considerable opposition. The general tendency of municipal authorities has been to view these efforts as idealistic, or as a means of bargaining for lower insurance rates. For several years past, however, there have been numerous encouraging signs of change in this attitude as evidenced by the preparation and passage of new and improved fire prevention ordinances.

The common hazards are the principal fire causes. Their safeguarding can be accomplished through proper enforcement of ordinances covering building construction, storage, handling and use of explosives and flammables, electrical installations, dry cleaning establishments, garages, storage, handling and use of nitro-cellulose film, storage of trash and rubbish, and storage, handling and use of matches. Of course, most cities have special hazards in the shape of manufacturing plants involving hazardous processes, but these can be regulated by special requirements drawn from careful study.

Most cities have ordinances dealing with at least some of these subjects, but in the majority of cases they are incomplete or obsolete, and in numerous instances enforcement is poor.

Laws, not enforced, are often worse than no laws at all. America's common method is to enact legislation intended to correct evils or to bring beneficial results, thus satisfying the demand for reform and the public conscience—and then to disregard the law. This is too familiar to require any special comment.

CONFLAGRATIONS in theaters and other places of amusement constitute the most devastating of all types of fire because of the attendant panic and toll of human lives as well as property.

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Retirement Board Report

THE Board of Administration, San Francisco City Employees' Retirement System, has completed the work in connection with the five year actuarial survey, and has taken action on the recommendations of the Municipal Retirement Conference, composed of delegates from the various organizations of city employees, and, also, on the various questions raised by the Board itself, with the intent of improving the Retirement System. A proposed ordinance will be prepared and transmitted to the Board of Supervisors to be enacted into law for the purpose of carrying into effect the results of the Board of Administration's work. The recommendations of the Municipal Retirement Conference, together with the Board's action are given below:

1. If any member of the System reaches the age of 65 years and wishes to retire after 20 years service, pension allowance should be one-half pay. **The Board of Administration disapproved.**

2. If any employee is incapacitated while on duty and forced to retire, he shall receive at least one-half pay as a pension. **The Board of Administration disapproved.**

3. Making all service prior to entry into the system count as continuous service provided such service was rendered for the City and County of San Francisco, or in the Military or Naval Service in defense of the United States of America. **The Board of Administration recommended approval, it being agreed with the Municipal Retirement Conference that the intent of the suggestion was to make all service rendered to the city prior to entry into the system count as continuous service regardless of any interruptions or breaks in the service.**

4. Interruption of employment due to reduction of forces, on account of, say, limitations of budgets or lack of employment or continued illness or disability should not in any way militate against continuity of service. **The Board of Administration approved to the extent that service rendered since the establishment of the Retirement System will be counted as continuous if not broken by an interruption of more than three years regardless of the cause of the interruption.**

5. Increase of pension and annuity so that after a service of 30 years, one should be allowed to retire on at least half pay. **The Board of Administration disapproved with the recommendation that, at the proper time, the limitation in the Charter under which rates below age fifty cannot exceed 5.00 per cent. be eliminated, and that then the necessary action be taken to provide for a retirement allowance of approximately half of final compensation upon retirement at age sixty-two after thirty years service. The Charter limitation on rates makes impossible any increase in the present service retirement allowance.**

6. Recommend the establishment of a loan system by the Retirement Board for the members of the System, any loans to be made under this provision to be within the discretion of the Board of Administration upon proper showing by an applicant of definite need. **The Board of Administration disapproved.**

7. Recommendations covering proposed increases in contribution by members within certain age limits, submitted to the Board of Administration as a suggestion for actuarial investigation and favorable consideration. **The Board of Administration disapproved, with the same recommendation, however, as is given in No. 5 above.**

The following improvements in the Retirement System proposed by the Board itself were also approved.

1. That the Retirement Law be amended so as to allow the Board of Administration, in its discretion, to credit on contributions at June 30 of each year interest in addition to the guaranteed rate of 4 per cent. per annum, provided that the amount credited in any year shall not exceed the interest earned during that year.

2. That Option No. 1, Section 18 of the Retirement Law be amended in such manner that the individual may modify under its terms only that portion of his retirement allowance purchased by his own accumulated contributions.

3. That provision be made for the payment upon the death of retired individuals of a benefit in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00).

4. That provision be made for optional retirement after thirty years of continuous service, provided the individual has attained the age of fifty-seven years, the present method of discounting the retirement allowance back from age sixty-two to be retained.

5. That the Retirement Law be amended in such manner as will give credit for prior service, as defined in the Retirement Law, to those individuals who have rendered such prior service and who entered the System prior to January 1, 1928.

The Board's action on the various items as given above has been unanimously approved by the Municipal Retirement Conference made up of delegates from the following organizations: San Francisco Teachers' Association, San Francisco High School Teachers' Association, San Francisco Federation of Teachers, San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association, San Francisco Per Diem Men's Association, Office Employees' Association (A. F. of L.), Engineering, Draftsmen and Architects' Association, Sewermen's Association, United Laborers' Union No. 261, Trackmen's Union, Division 687, Building Service Employees' Association, Asphalt Pavers' Union, Local 84, Municipal Railway Carmen's Union.

After the proposed Ordinance has been passed on by the Board of Supervisors, the Report of the Board on the five year actuarial investigation, together with the Consulting Actuary's Report and the amended Ordinance will be printed for distribution to members of the Retirement System. The Consulting Actuary employed by the Board to conduct the five year actuarial investigation required by law was A. H. Mowbray, Professor of Insurance in the School of Economics, University of California, and Consulting Actuary for the California State Insurance Department.

Magazine Story Gives Life of Mayor

MAYOR Jimmie Rolph, An Institution", is the title of an article in the June issue of *Sunset* dealing with the life and the achievements of Mayor Rolph both before and since he began his record breaking administration of five consecutive terms as the city's chief executive. The article was written by Sidney H. Kessler, well known magazine writer, and resident of San Francisco. Mr. Kessler has illustrated his story with several unusual photographs of the mayor.

San Francisco's Municipal Camp

By Veda Beresford Young
Secretary Playground Commission

TO THE recreational laurels of California, the city of San Francisco added a municipal mountain camp in the summer of 1924. The establishment of this camp came because the Playground Commissioners and City Fathers realized that it is difficult to find a public enterprise which will bring greater returns in good health, happiness and better citizenship

than will a municipal camp. It is unquestionably one of the best investments a city can make.

The San Francisco Municipal Mountain Camp, Margaret Maryland, is situated in the high Sierra at Mather, Tuolumne County, at an elevation of 4500 feet where Nature has provided a wonderland of giant trees, crystal lakes and clear streams. Close at hand are the incense cedars, fir, spruce, virgin pines and the meadow lands carpeted with wild flowers whose sweet aroma helps to permeate the atmosphere.

Mather is but nine miles from the famous O'Shaughnessy Dam which provides energy for power which makes possible a well-lighted camp, electrical refrigeration and kitchen equipment. The Big Oak Flat Road leading to Lake Tenaya, Tuolumne Meadows, and the Tioga Pass is but eight miles away.

A ROAD of adventure and romance is traveled in order to reach this beautiful mountain camp. No doubt you will enjoy following in the footsteps of the pioneer through an enchanted land which Bret Harte

made famous. Even today you may hear the tales of the gold rush and of exploration. The transportation route is by rail from San Francisco to Stockton and then by auto stage to Mather. En route from Stockton one travels through Oakdale, Yosemite Junction, Chinese Camp, Jacksonville, over Priest Grade, past Hangman's Tree and Tennessee's Cabin, Buck Meadows, Groveland and Carl Inn, which is seven miles from Mather.

The citizen of San Francisco and his family are invited to spend an ideal vacation in the beautiful surroundings offered at Mather—at cost. The camp is provided with well ventilated, comfortable cabins and wooden-floored tents which are furnished with single cots, mattresses, pillows, chairs, wash basins, pitchers and mirrors. It is necessary for excursionists to send their own linen and blankets. Meals are served cafeteria style in the large dining room, which is screened on three sides. Here the guests may enjoy an excellent and hearty meal prepared by an experienced staff catering to appetites whipped up by bracing mountain air.

At camp both hot and cold showers and tub bathing are provided, in addition to modern sanitary facilities including wash basins, trays and flush toilets.

There are innumerable opportunities for amusement offered at camp. Swimming is always appealing. The lake is ideal for good swimmers while the new pool

is excellent for the children and the less expert. Fishing in the nearby streams and lakes furnishes a source of great enjoyment and excitement. Those interested in horseback trips will find great pleasure in taking any one of the many outings provided either during the day or overnight. The rates are nominal, and the saddle horse concession is maintained at camp.

Hiking under experienced leadership is also afforded. Many interesting walks lead to such points as Chinese Gulch, Indian Rock, Smith's Peak or the "ring" tree. For the motorist too, there are innumerable trips to be taken. The O'Shaughnessy Dam is but a few miles away. Yosemite Valley is thirty miles distant, while Early Intake, Lake Tenaya, Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Pass never fail to interest the motorist and tourist.

THE days are filled with special activities, games and sports, leaving the evening free for the impromptu program of music, song and story around the camp fire. Occasionally a social program or dance is

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Of Interest to Women

By ANITA DAY HUBBARD

JUNE, month of roses, of brides, of vacation dreams —of commencement exercises in the schools, and in a political year, conventions and much conversation on the part of "favorite sons"—and others. It's a really delightful month to look forward to, whatever your mood. When I was prowling through my anthologies to find a suitable verse for the page this month, I came on this one of Christina Rossetti, with whose verse not nearly enough people are familiar. She found time in the midst of raising a family of genius, (does one say geniuses or genii—they don't generally come in plurals), to write charming poetry.

In the Mood of the June Bride

MY heart is like a singing bird
Whose nest is in a water'd shoot;
My heart is like an apple tree
Whose boughs are bent with thick-set fruit;
My heart is like a rainbow shell
That paddles in a halycon sea;
My heart is gladder than all these,
Because my love is come to me.

Raise me a dais of silk and down;
Hang it with vair and purple dyes;
Carve it in doves and pomegranates,
And peacocks with a hundred eyes;
Work it in gold and silver grapes,
In leaves and silver fleurs-de-lys;
Because the birthday of my life
Is come, my love is come to me.

—CHRISTINA GEORGINA ROSSETTI, 1830-1894.

Run into the Beaux Arts Gallery, (walk up the stairs if you suspect the elevator), and see what noble frescoes Ray Boynton has made for the Mills College Music Building. They're quite modern, but very dignified and have a quality of simplicity that speaks well for the revival of a classic method of combining painting with architecture. It seems almost obvious that fresco will again be used quite generally, for, with the classic simplicity of our modern buildings and the paucity of wall space for the hanging of pictures, color must become a part of the building itself. Of course the sketches only are on exhibit. The huge panels are painted directly on the walls of the building in the wet plaster. On June 10 there will be a group show at the gallery, with all of the artist members contributing.

At the California School of Fine Arts, the work of the students during the past year will have the place of honor on the walls of both the main gallery and the class rooms. Some of it is extremely interesting and speaks well for the future record of San Francisco artists. The attitude of the School is that of receptivity to modern development, with a sincere foundation of the study of what has gone before, and some of the students show a maturity of work that is remarkable.

IT seems a good thing to mention the subject of vacations at this point. It seems to me that vacation should be exactly what the word means, a vacating of the present environment of the vacationer, spiritually as well as physically. Whatever you do for the rest of the year, plan to do as nearly opposite for vacation time. The psychologists know that it isn't the fatigue of muscles that makes the average person so weary, but the exhaustion of boredom. Especially in this equable climate, when the seasons rather ooze into each other instead of forcing us to notice them, we are likely to allow ourselves to get into a rhythm that tires us horribly.

It might be a good idea to get into a new group of people, too, as well as a different climate. Try to get some time off by yourself, away from all your ordinary companions. You'll get a new sense of proportion, a new appreciation of your friends and some new experiences and ideas to supplant the worn out topics of conversation.

I know a most delightful woman, writer of successful fiction, who worked for a summer in a cannery, first to get "local color" and then for the sheer delight of finding a place where no one bothered her about her ideas and writing, but where her agile hands found comfort in doing a physical task well. She came back refreshed after the summer, looking rosy and strong. Play is really doing what you want to do, when you want to do it, and because you don't have to. Work is doing **anything** because you have to. This is all very indirect advice, and perhaps very vague, but there's a good idea hidden away in it, at any rate.

I HOPE you get a chance at reading this summer. There's a very attractive bill of fare in the libraries and book shops. If you read that delightful book of Jen-Jaques Brousson on Anatole France, published several years ago, you'll be rushing to get "Anatole France Abroad," by the same agile fingered Boswell. To me the venerable Anatole has always been a most fascinating person, fit to rank with Voltaire, and of the same genre, with a French flavor, of the Irish G. B. Shaw.

Readers with a taste for Americana will find plenty of biographical material about their favorite national heroes. George Washington has four of the new books devoted to him. Rupert Hughes has shown a more heroic side in a second volume than in his first. This book, "The Rebel and Patriot," carries the immortal George from 1762 to 1777. You remember the first was devoted to his early years. Eugene E. Prussing has made a most exhaustive and illuminating study of the will of George Washington, which he calls, "The Estate of George Washington." Then there is a book of excerpts from the writings of Washington, made by Lucretia Perry Osborn, which gives a very good idea of the opinions of the man on almost every subject. She calls it "Washington Speaks for Himself."

That charming old sophisticate, Benjamin Franklin, is shown in another of his protean capacities in a new volume of letters called "My Dear Girl," edited by James Madison Stifler. Nothing is ever likely to be written about Franklin as clever as he wrote himself, so I recommend this book without reservations.

SPEAKING of clothes, which I was not, do see to it that you have some gay colored things to wear this summer. Everything, even the pots and pans,

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Schools

School Children Celebrate Music Week

ONE of the most inspirational features of Music Week in San Francisco was the great public school concert given under the management of Miss Estelle Carpenter, Director of Music of the Public Schools, who is Chairman of Public School Music Activities for Music Week. This concert took place in the Civic Auditorium Tuesday, May 8.

Music pupils of the High Schools and Junior High Schools and all the Eighth Grades of the School Department assembled and lifted their voices in song under the leadership of Miss Carpenter, accompanied by the Municipal Band, Mr. Philip Sapiro, Conductor. Nine thousand pupils sang on this occasion. The pupils were most enthusiastic and Miss Carpenter conducted the vast throng in a masterful manner.

A chorus of twelve hundred pupils from Junior High Schools, and Eighth Grades, twenty-seven schools in all, rendered in parts, Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, Dream of Summer by Bliss, and Caballero by Kotte. The quality of the tone was clear and sweet in the soprano and full in the bass. The Girls' Glee Club of the Girls' High School, under Mrs. M. McGlade; the Lowell High Boys' Glee Club, under Miss Julia Neppert, the Galileo High Boys' Glee Club, under Miss Constance Keohan; an instrumental trio from the High School of Commerce, under Mrs. V. Farrell, and the Galileo High School R. O. T. C. Band, under direction of T. J. Kennedy, R. O. T. C. Band Master, with Carl Lastrucci conducting, all rendered selections in beautiful manner.

Honorable J. M. Gwinn, Superintendent of Schools, was Chairman of the Day. Honorable James Rolph Jr., Mayor, addressed the pupils on the beauty of music and upon the excellent work of Miss Carpenter and the teachers. Honorable J. Emmet Hayden, Acting Chairman of Music Week, and Mr. Chester Rosekrans, Executive Director, were present and gave instructive talks.

Miss Carpenter arranged 109 outstanding concerts and demonstrations in the various public schools under the direction of the principals and music teachers. These concerts were given in all the public schools during Music Week.

Board of Education Notes

THE department expresses regret that Mrs. Sophie Haake, one of our genial stenographers, has been transferred to the Board of Public Works. We know that Sophie has already proven her worth to that department and that she is finding joy in her new surroundings.

We welcome Miss Irene Dolan back to the main office. We missed her during the weeks she has been assisting in curriculum work at the Daniel Webster School. Her new assignment to the paymaster department is heralded with pleasure.

Mrs. Evelyn Granucci of the accounting department is with us again after a serious accident which broke a bone in her foot.

During the past month Miss Anne Hickey of the personnel department had a serious nose operation performed.

We regret to learn that three of our stenographers are requesting leaves of absence. Miss June Sullivan of Lowell High School and Mrs. Margaret McInerny of Galileo High School are taking leaves due to ill health. Miss Ella Weakley of the department of texts and libraries will leave for Illinois.

Miss Grace Jarrett, stenographer of the High School of Commerce has returned to her duties after a month's illness. Take it easy, Grace, we don't want to hear of any more nervous breakdowns.

During the past month several transfers of stenographers have been made. Miss Myrtle Woodall was transferred from the department of text and libraries to assist in curriculum work at the Daniel Webster School. Miss Katherine Gartland was transferred from the attendance bureau to the department of texts and libraries and Mrs. Hazel McMullen was transferred from the paymaster department to the attendance bureau. Mrs. Irma Argenti, after serving a month at the High School of Commerce, is with us again in the main office. We know the girls will enjoy their new assignments.

"Big Bill" Johnson goes around all day with the broadest kind of a smile, for not only is he looking forward to an early vacation, but he's bought some brand new transfer cases for all those precious papers in the accounting department and now everything will sail along smoothly. We agree, Bill, they're grand!

Now that everyone has signed up for vacation, we are anxious that "our day" should loom up on the calendar. These bright sunny days aggravate that Spring Fever and we're all "rarin' to go."

Have you heard the news about the purchase of Orthophonic Victrolas for the schools? Seventeen of our schools are to be equipped with lovely little victrolas for classrooms and sixty-three schools will receive auditorium victrolas. Sounds like a fairy tale come true!

And then, too, we have equipped quite a number of schools with new mimeograph machines. Principals and teachers alike will enjoy using them.

Mr. Dohrmann Resigns

Because of the press of private business Fred W. Dohrmann Jr. has resigned from the Board of Education. Mr. Dohrmann was a member of the board for six years and was former president. He is also president of the Regional Plan Association which is working out a plan for the development of the entire bay region.

Attention Teachers. See Notice Top of Page 33

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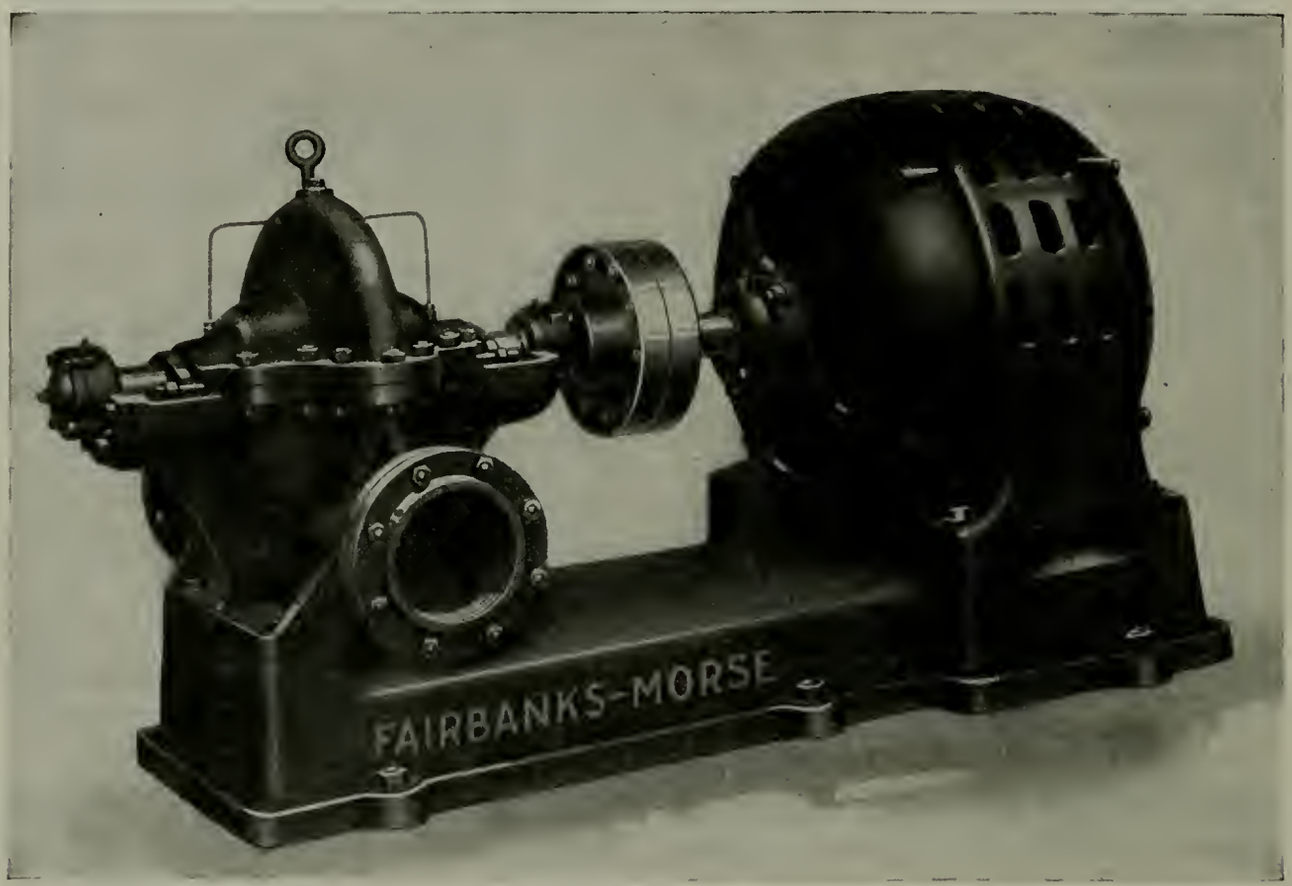

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OFFICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By William T. Bonsor, Secretary

CLERICAL employees of the City Government have protested their classification schedule as released by the Civil Service Commission. The Office Employees' Association has mailed the following protest, which has been indorsed by the San Francisco Labor Council, to the members of the Board of Supervisors and the Civil Service Commission:

Division B, Clerical Service, being a part of proposed classification of duties for purposes of salary standardization, has been distributed by the Civil Service Commission.

This Union, at its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 9, made a study of this voluminous document with the result that it was voted to send a protest against its adoption to the Board of Supervisors and each member thereof as well as the Civil Service Commission.

It is contended that the classification is arbitrary and ambiguous. It is also contended that the proposed classification is not set forth in accordance with the charter amendment as well as its intention and the general understanding at the time of its drafting and adoption. While it is apparent certain positions fit into the classifications submitted, it is positively uncertain where large numbers of clerical employees may be placed, and it is assumed, and rightly so, that these assignments will be arbitrary under the method by which the situation is being approached. This never was the intention during the time this charter amendment was being considered. The proposed classification is a mystic maze to the clerical employees involved as in its present form it presents to them only confusion and gives them no idea of their ultimate status if adopted. Certain groups of employees in various divisions can be classified without much study owing to the nature and similarity of their duties but this is far from true in so far as clerical workers are concerned.

It is said by employees of various departments that the investigation made relative to duties was done in such a short space of time that the investigators were unable to obtain a comprehensive knowledge of duties involved which would be necessary for an undertaking of this kind. It is claimed that a few minutes only were consumed in the investigation of duties of certain groups.

Reading of Division B does not give the knowledge as to whether certain subdivisions and their subdivisions are comparable with other subdivisions and their subdivisions. This condition naturally creates confusion.

The duties of experienced clerks are rated with the duties of clerks and stenographers in the proposed classification even though the experienced clerks have taken a promotive examination to attain that rank. It is claimed that such classification undoubtedly will *adversely affect the civil service classification* of certain employees if adopted. The Charter Amendment provides against such a condition.

The Charter Amendment provides as follows: "The Civil Service Commission shall report the proposed classification of personnel to the Board of Supervisors for adoption or rejection." This proposed classification of duties contains no classification of personnel. in the last attempt by the Civil Service Commission to classify duties same was accompanied by a classification of personnel. The Charter provides that this must be done. Such being done it is further necessary that a proposed compensation schedule be used for the purpose of presenting to the employees and all agencies involved a real picture of what classification and standardization of salaries might mean to each and all of the employees who may come under the provisions of the Charter Amendment. These things not being done only intensifies the confusion created by the classification now under consideration.

As far as we can ascertain the Bureau of Governmental Research has been mainly instrumental in the investigations and all other work pertaining to this proposed classification as well as to the wage schedules which are to be submitted at some future date if the classification is adopted as submitted, which would of course be contrary to the organic law of this city and county. The Bureau is obviously a biased one owing to the very nature of its personnel. The membership is from only one class of society which is far removed from the welfare of the wage earners. They state that they have paid from their own funds the compensation of two employees for these investigations for the city. Also the time of their executive has been used in this work as a director.

The funds by which this Bureau and similar Bureaus throughout the country operate are obtained from the "interests." This and the other Bureaus are subsidized mainly for the purpose of attempting to control government. At no time have the representatives of Labor been called upon to participate in any part of these investigations which concern their people vitally. Labor's specialty owing to the very nature of its existence, is to seek wages and conditions for the workers. While this whole subject involves just that thing Labor has not been consulted or its services sought. On the other hand the services of employers of labor have been mainly used, as far as we can ascertain, in these investigations which concern San Francisco and its employees. We feel that this condition lends much weight to our protest.

The concluding paragraph of Division B appoints three members of one organization of city workers to classify the employees of the Civil Service Commission. Each one of these men is what is generally termed a high-class man, and we can only refer to

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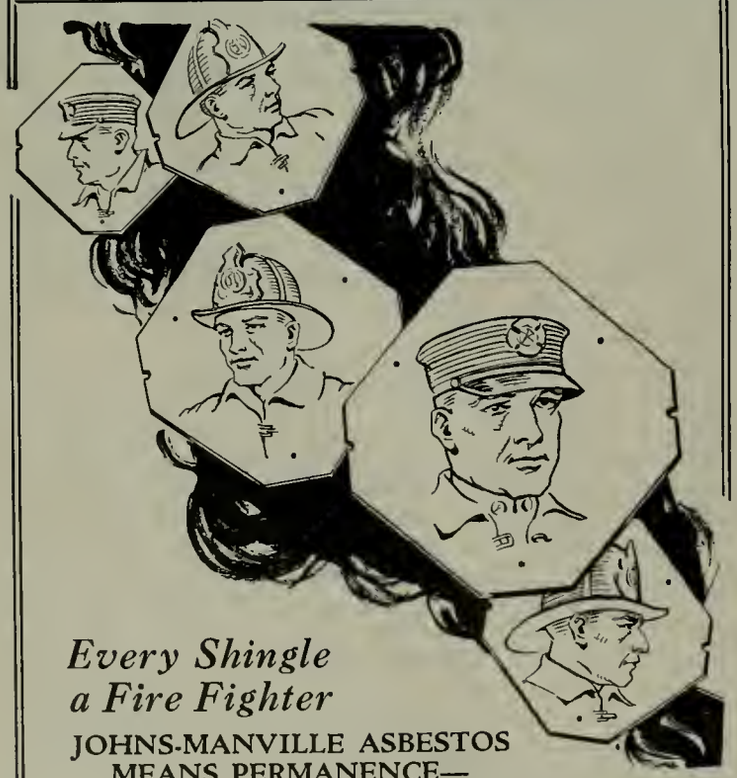

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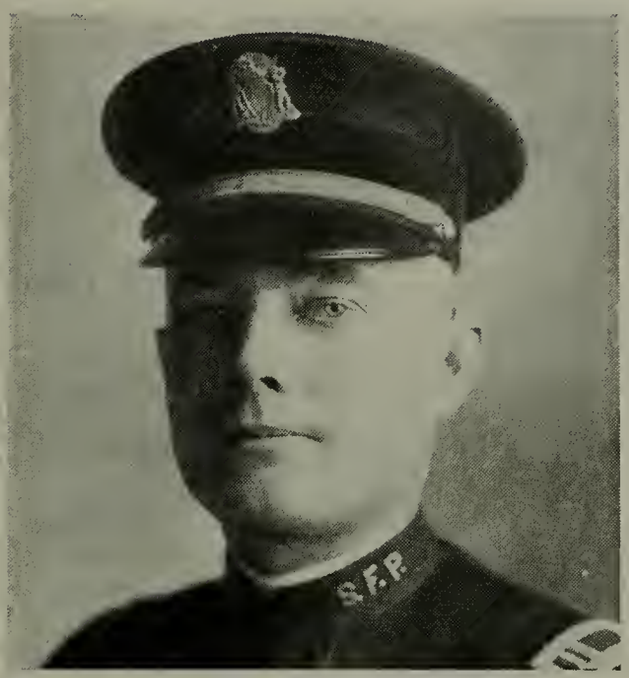

CAPTAIN ARTHUR LAYNE

MORE than one hundred fifty members of the Order of Knights of Pythias were the guests of Service Lodge recently at Stempke's Hall, the occasion being the district convention of the order. Captain Arthur D. Layne of the San Francisco Police Department, Chancellor Commander of Service Lodge, arranged for the guests a practical demonstration of police activities, introducing Sergeant P. H. McGee and the police athletic team organized some time ago by Chief of Police Daniel O'Brien.

CAPTAIN CHARLES GOFF

Sergeant McGee put his boys through a course of stunts which he explained was the regular order for candidates for for the police department. The exhibition was a treat for the members and guests and reflected great credit upon Chief O'Brien, Sergeant McGee and the men themselves.

With Sergeant McGee the athletic team is composed of: Officers Harold Jackson, Sidney Waugh, John O'Keefe, Frank Mascarelli, Robert, Martin and George Hess.

Service Lodge is composed largely of police and ex-service men. Police Detective Peter H. Neilson of the North End Station is Master of Finance and other well known peace officers are on the roster. Captain Charles Goff, director of the Traffic Bureau, and Officer Arthur E. Garrett of the Bureau took their Page rank during the business session.

SERGEANT PATRICK McGEE

Captain Layne, who has been at the head of Service Lodge since its inception, has proved to be a live executive. Under his leadership the lodge has grown rapidly in membership and a live campaign is still being carried on. Among the many activities that he has fostered is the rifle team, holding a charter from the War Department and which promises to be hard to beat, since ninety per cent of its members are ex-service men.

Attorney Elmer E. Robinson, elected at the last convention as Deputy Grand Chancellor of District 15, one of the chief speakers of the evening, congratulated Captain Layne and the members of Service Lodge for the fine state of efficiency in which he found the order. Al Levy, Past Deputy Grand Chancellor, added his congratulations also, showering praise upon the officers and membership of Service Lodge.

During the entertainment which followed the business session Esther and Henry Hammond, artists of KFWI and KGO, rendered songs for the assembled Knights.

Tribute to Judge Barnett

REPRESENTATIVES of federal, state and city governments paid final tribute to the memory of Judge A. T. Barnett on May 1 at an impressive funeral held at the Masonic Temple, Van Ness Avenue and Oak Street. Judge Barnett, for eighteen years a Justice of the Peace in San Francisco, passed away on April 28. His loss will be keenly felt by hundreds of men and women who came to know him in public and private life. At the funeral the Masonic Temple was thronged with mourners and the casket was surrounded by huge quantities of flowers. Floral tributes were sent by every Blue Lodge organization in San Francisco as well as from the Scottish Rite bodies.

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By Lieut. Fred Jones

DOUGHERTY of Engine 17 is often seen listening intently when Bill Freeland gets out his old trombone. Then after his tour of music(?) he crosses Mint Avenue and listens to the tingle of the new change being made inside. Of course in both places "do" is sounded. Tell us the comparison, Johnnie.

Lieutenant Carr of Truck 2 was seen to take particular care in having perfectly manicured nails recently. What's the matter, Hughie, do all bears of the stock market stand inspection at the Stock Exchange? Well, anyway, we can say "We knew you when Caterpillar meant an insect and not a stock quotation, also when the Bank of Italy stood for the Italian government and not Giannini. More luck to you, Hughie, but don't forget 'de gang.'"

Talk about fashion plates. Then you should have gazed toward Truck 2 and seen Farrell greet the summer in that new gray outfit. Wowie, it sure was a treat and we guess the neighbors don't know it.

Kewpie Pete Bruhns of Truck 2 is back in town, we see. Can't beat that boy. He made his mechanic famous. She didn't walk back? ? ?

Well, old Bancitaly is blamed for most everything. We see that Jensen of Engine 47 has another machine. Didn't know they had a stock ticker so far out.

Tom Buckley and Pat Brandon of the Corporation Yard, better known as the Rubber Inspectors, were the guests of Smiling Joe Meedus at a wonderful Italian dinner during the past month. Everything was jake until the said inspectors encountered the ozone where they discovered the traffic laws were all wrong. According to the arresting officer the boys displayed their Rubber Inspectors badges in vain.

Members of Engine 7 recently visited their old buddy, William Crosby, who retired several months ago and is now Assistant Chief of the Boulder Creek Fire Department. The photograph shows Crosby at the wheel demonstrating his Ford equipment. Others in the picture are Sam Hatfield with the hose and, below, William McDevitt, John Bayer, William McLaughlin and Fred Jones.

Sorrow reigns in the heart of McLaughlin of Engine 7 since a certain young lady by the name of Louise left the neighborhood. Cheer up, Mac; it is rumored Violet is coming back.

Lieutenant Farley of Engine 6 has deserted the old-timers' dance on Eighteenth Street for the modern El Patio on Market Street. It is rumored that step and a half caused the change.

Believe it or not, but Hayes and Barskey of Engine 14 are taking singing lessons. Their teacher is none other than Big Time Ed Johnstone of Truck 4. The

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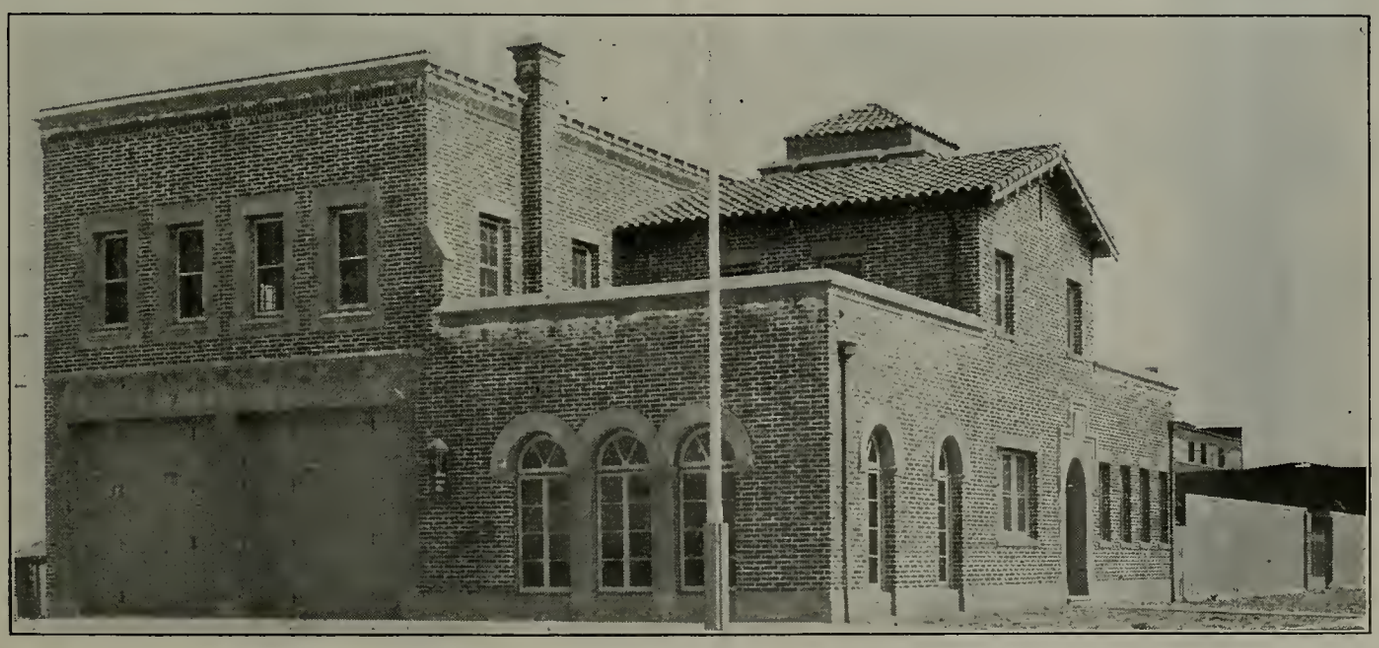

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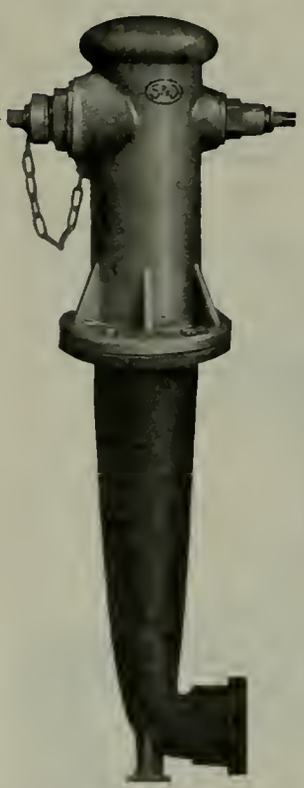

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By EUGENE W. CLISBEE

OUR genial time-keeper George Fish, who has the reputation of being one of the most careful drivers in town, had a close call one night last month. After leaving the office to keep a dinner engagement with his "sweetie", George was driving peacefully along Polk Street when a machine coming at a high rate of speed crashed into his car.

EUGENE W. CLISBEE
—Photo by Hartsook

After being taken to the Central Emergency Hospital it was at first thought that his injuries were serious, but we are glad to learn that he is recovering rapidly and will be back with us again in a short time. George says you can't keep a good man down.

Motorman J. A. "Fat" Robinson had a few bad breaks this month. Jim was compelled to undergo a slight operation on one of his eyes on May 5, and was getting along splendidly and about to return to work when, in an attempt to adjust a window shade in one of his flats, he slipped and fell, fracturing his arm in two places. Motorman Jim is up and about, but will not be able to work his run until some time in July. We are sorry you met with this streak of hard luck Jim, and we sincerely hope for a speedy recovery. A visit from any of the boys will be appreciated. His home is at 3645 Seventeenth St.

Our regular monthly Social and Dance was held on Monday evening, May 21, in the Assembly Hall at the Geary Street Car House. The Municipal Railway Band gave several renditions of Victor Herbert's recent successes. These selections were met with such approval that the members of the band were called upon for many encores.

A wonderful "jazz" band provided the dance music and refreshments appropriate to the occasion which consisted of a famous brand of home-made doughnuts and Commissioner Fred Meyer's world renowned coffee were served.

To say that everybody who attended had a good time would be putting it mildly.

Look for the bulletin announcing the date of our next social.

BASEBALL NOTES

By John W. Thomas, Manager.

THE Municipal Railway Baseball Club downed the fast Post Office aggregation recently by the score of 9 to 6. This was a hard fought game from the first inning and gave the spectators many thrills. A home run in the tenth inning by Ed King with two men on won the game for the Muny boys.

Irv Nelson who is holding down the torrid zone for the carmen is playing a bang up game. From present indications it appears that the magnate will be violating the "DO NOT TALK TO MOTORMAN" rule in attempting to get Irv to place his name on the dotted line. Big Bill Lange, famous center fielder and Big League scout, has already looked Irv over and has expressed himself to the writer that the boy has a world of natural ability in the field and his stance at the plate is perfect. We hope to see such an honored guest as Big Bill regularly at our games.

Jack Sullivan, the Municipal Railway carmen's sterling southpaw is still pitching, winning ball. A great deal of credit for the carmen's success in winning second place in the recent Midwinter League belongs to Sullivan. I am well pleased with Jack's work and have no fear of taking him out for a pinch hitter as Sully can crash the ol' apple as well as turning the opposing batsmen back to the bench.

Johnny Costello is playing his usual steady game at short and has been responsible for starting a good many double plays of late. Johnny is a consistent hitter and features at the bat regularly. We understand from reliable sources that Johnny is going to join the large army of benedicts in the near future. The players on our Club have only one request to make of Johnny and that is to get the fair one's consent to allow him to continue making double plays around second base.

A lot of credit for our club's success is also due "Red" Nyhan. "Red" is a high class maskman and not only steadies Sully in the pinches but the ball club as well.

"Mickey" McHugh is doing very good work in the outfield as well as hitting timely. "Mickey" is a regular pepper box with his everlasting volume of chatter.

Negotiations are now under way for a game with San Quentin at the prison grounds in the near future. We realize the prison has a fast club, but feel confident the way our boys are performing at the present time we will come home victors.

A game is also being arranged with the Oakland Carmen's Union, Division 192, on June 3, in conjunction with a picnic and field day at Neptune Beach.

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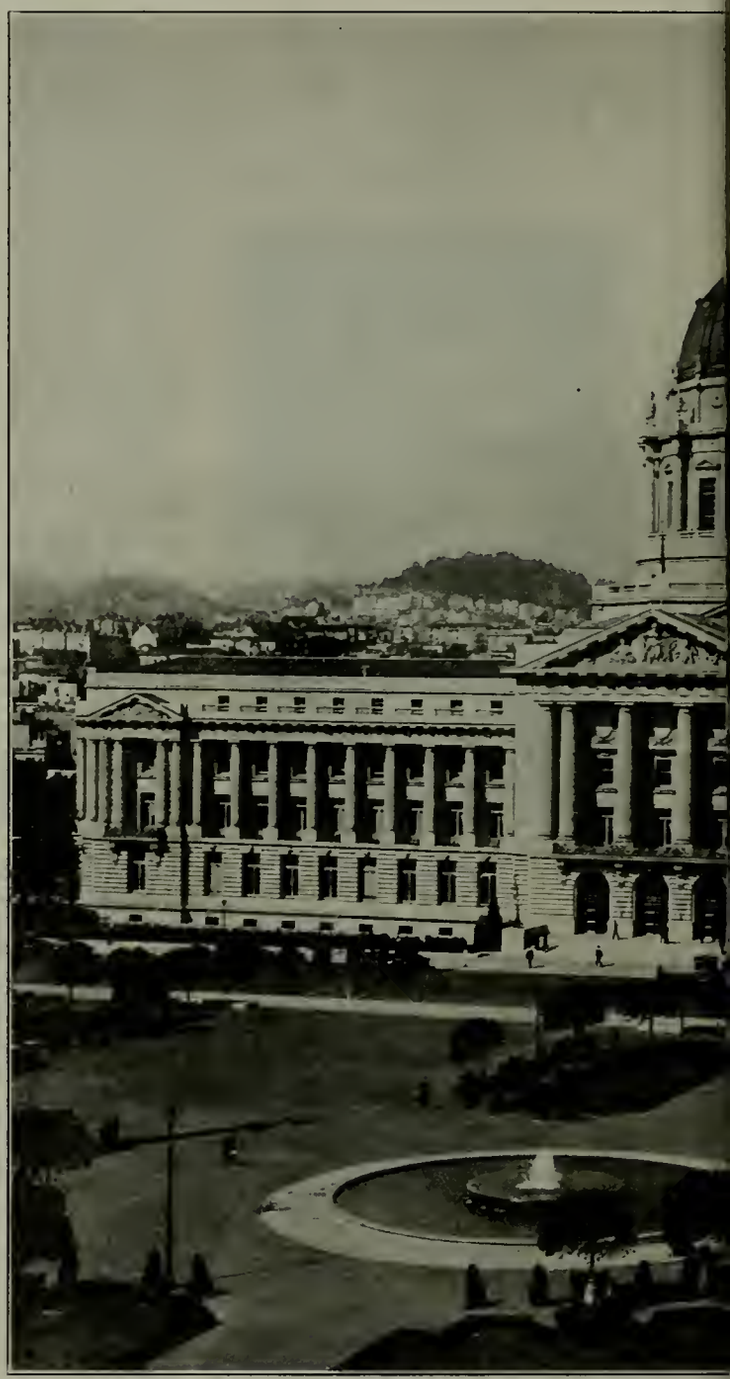

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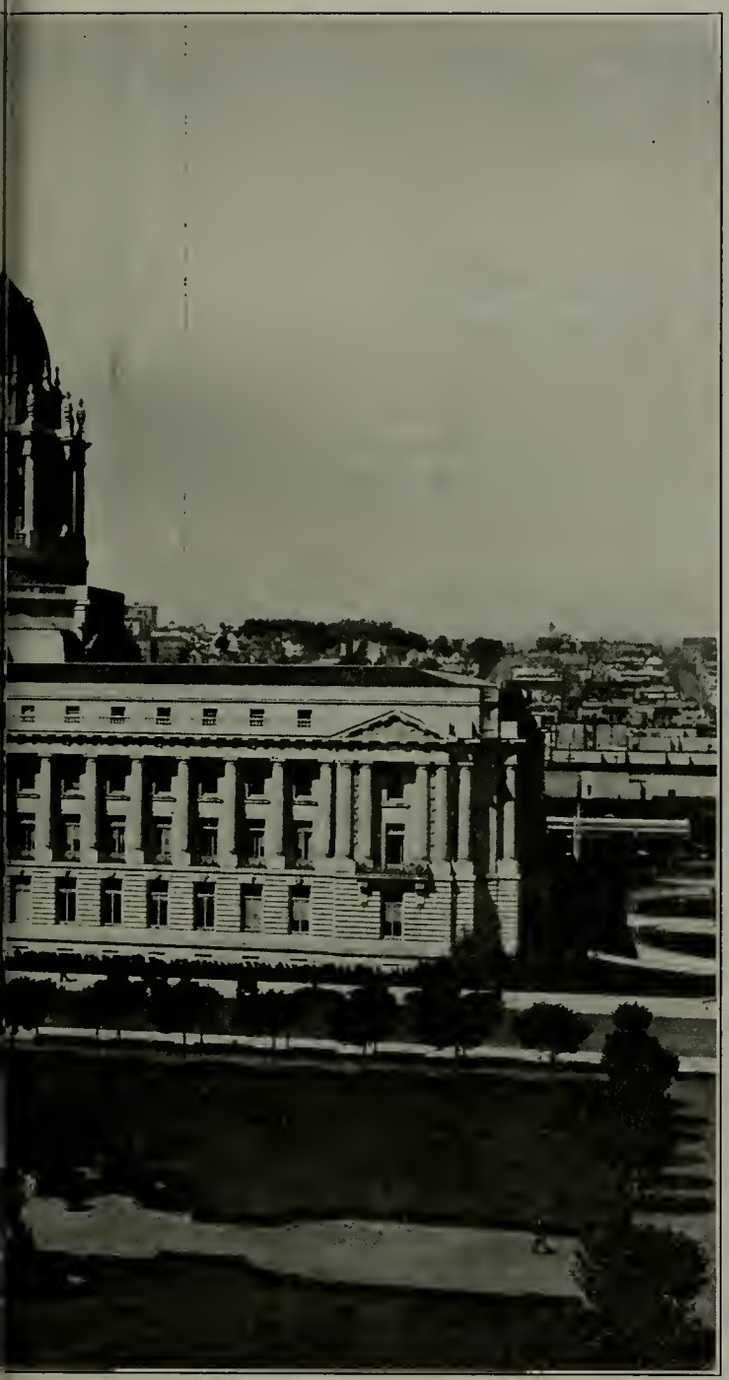

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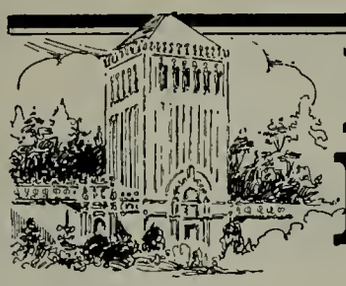

Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

"SEA bent has done more for the growth of San Francisco than any other agency I know of," said Park Superintendent John McLaren recently, with a whimsical smile. "It has added a hundred and fifty acres to the area of the city between the Cliff House and Sloat Boulevard, in the last twenty years. And this has cost practically nothing."

Sea bent, he explained, is a French bunch grass, which the Park Commission has had planted along Ocean Beach, which restrains the migratory impulses of the sand and thereby builds up the beach. It is along this three-mile stretch of new land that Mr. McLaren is widening the Great Highway to make it the most beautiful boulevard in the world.

A large crew of men is working there at present and the grading and leveling has been completed on the shore side from Sloat Boulevard to Lincoln Way. For the mile and a quarter from Sloat to Noriega Street there is already a green lawn, sixty feet wide. Grading on the ocean side is practically complete from Fleishhacker Playfield to Rivera Street.

A bridle path the full length of the highway has been determined upon, and there will be pedestrian underpasses at several places, including one at Judah Street. W. G. Hocking is in charge of the engineering work and Joe Kenealey is foreman for the Park Commission. J. C. Foss, of the Board of Public Works office, is engineer on the work of extending the Esplanade in front of Golden Gate Park at the Ocean Beach to join the Great Highway work above referred to.

In order to produce the effect of the highway's passing through a gorge at the Cliff House, Superintendent McLaren has had huge artificial rocks of steel and concrete construction erected on the rocky bluff below Sutro Heights. These are in imitation of the Seal Rocks, which form one side of the gorge. Monterey cypresses are being planted around the new rocks, as well as shrubbery and flowers.

The preliminary work of clearing the ground of trees and shrubbery to make way for the increase of size in Kezar Stadium has already started. The Board of Supervisors has pledged the Park Commission to include in the 1928-1929 budget the sum of $250,000 to raise the seating capacity of the bowl to about 62,000.

The work at Kezar made it necessary to take up and box hundreds of large rhododendrons in Rhododendron Dell, but they will be replaced in the same location after the construction is completed. Their removal had no effect upon their blossoming this season, as the thousands of visitors to Golden Gate Park in the past few weeks can testify.

FOREMAN J. J. CAMPBELL of this section of the Park had a display of gorgeous beauty for several weeks. Foreman J. Skinner also had a similar display of rhododendrons of other varieties in the Bowles collection and the one near the conservatory. The fragrant white flowers were particularly wonderful. Foreman Max Foehr's collection in De Laveaga Dell blossomed more luxuriantly than ever this season.

Speaking of flowers: the pansies set out by Foreman Skinner in "the valley" in front of the conservatory, together with the green lawn there, formed a huge carpet of dazzling beauty. And similar displays of pansies on a smaller scale, but of great beauty, were to be seen around the Music Concourse, in Foreman Robert Owens' district. The water lilies in front of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, in the Lily Pond, and in the various lakes in Golden Gate Park, are wonderful now and will continue to be so for some time. Superintendent Thomas A. Munro, in charge of small parks and squares, has some fine floral displays in various places, including the Civic Center and Union Square. The large set piece, "Welcome, Master Plumbers," done in foliage plants and flowers, in front of the conservatory, attracted much favorable attention. Larry Marx has had a beautiful showing of butterfly flowers, or "Schizanthus," during the past month at the conservatory.

Superintendent McLaren and Foreman Robert Owens have been co-operating with the members of the California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association in the development of the Garden of Shakespeare's Flowers, near the Academy of Sciences. Besides planting some of the trees, shrubs and flowers, this organization has already installed the brick wall, in which will be placed a bust of Shakespeare and six bronze plaques, a marble fountain, a threshold stone and a sun dial.

THE May Day Festival at the Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park was one of the most successful celebrations of the kind ever held in this city. The weather was perfect, the children were excellently trained, and a great crowd enjoyed the day. Playground Superintendent W. V. Belding and his assistant, Emmett Fitzgerald, were in charge of the event. Mayor James Rolph Jr. crowned the queen, Hazel Balin. Captain J. J. O'Meara of the Park Police headed a detail of his men in the parade, and Sergeant David Russell was Grand Marshal. Among the aides were Captain B. P. Lamb, Secretary of the Park Commission, and Julius Girod of Mr. McLaren's office. Curator George H. Barron of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum made the presentation trophies in behalf of the Commission, and Philip Sapiro was Musical Director, leading the San Francisco Municipal Band. Henry Quentin and Fred Tretheway had charge of the Park elephants, Margie and Virgie, in the parade.

Children's Playground Superintendent Belding has announced a Fairy Festival to be given under the auspices of the Park Commission at Fleishhacker Playfield about the middle of this month. There will be

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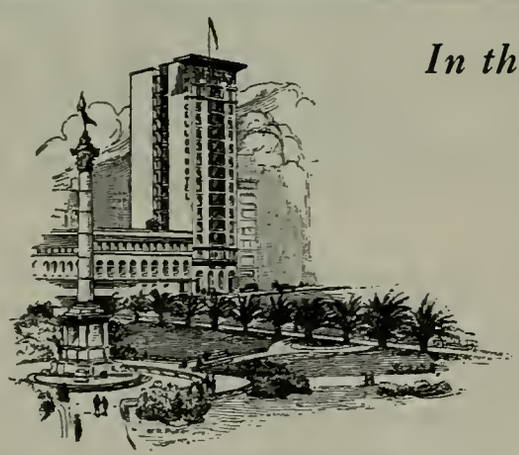

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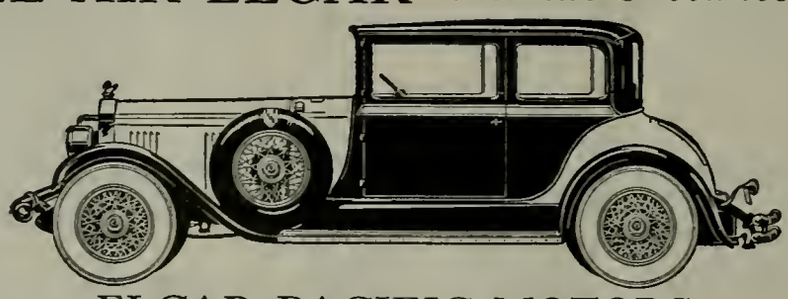

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them in the highest terms. They undoubtedly did not seek the appointment. The point is this: As far as we can ascertain none of them happen to be members of labor unions.

In conclusion we submit the above as a few of the reasons for opposing the proposed classification in Division B. We have had before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors for over a year a list of proposed compensation adjustments. We submit that if same be placed in effect in the budget now under consideration the question of standardization for clerical and semi-clerical workers will practically be solved and a degree of contentment will exist among these employees that cannot exist under this plan now under consideration. Placing of our requests in effect will cost comparatively little money.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater, Jr.

WE HAVE given McCarthy all the advice possible, but he has a mind of his own and will take the fatal leap some day this month. At that, we are all wishing you good luck, Mac.

Once again Ernest Garen will take the "rattler" to Pittsburgh. He is planning to go around Admission Day. Why not see the Pirates play while you are there, E. A.?

Several of the fellows in Henry Ohmen's room have received new drawing tables lately. Carl Hoffman was one of the lucky boys. So far, Joe Mike is still using his old veteran of many a bottle of ink.

The field parties have arranged their vacation periods to the apparent satisfaction of all concerned. Coughlan starts off with the two weeks from June 17 to July 2. Flamm has July 2 to July 16; Scholtzhauer, July 16 to July 30; Lundy, July 30 to August 13; Knox, August 13 to August 27; Garen, August 27 to September 10; and Eggert, September 10 to September 24.

Some of the draughtsmen are getting the tennis fever and are up bright and early playing a couple of sets before work. Manelli intends waiting until the boys get good, then will take them on and show them how the game should be played.

Dave Hult will spend his vacation around Mountain View where he will get real fresh mountain air and water.

L. E. Fenton has been on the sick list for several days with trouble with his eyes. Elmo told us he has difficulty in seeing clearly.

Lundy reported off sick the other morning, so Jim Garbarino took charge of the party during Tom's illness.

Dan McCarthy, the elongated inspector, suffered a touch of tonsillitis and was home for two weeks. Dan is now back on the job watching the dirt fly.

Will wonders never cease! Having completed all the possible problems in descriptive geometry, Purser is turning to the practical end of this science. He is now making models of octohedrons, decahedrons, dodecahedrons, icosohedrons, etc. In fact, George will make you any kind of a hedron.

John Coughlan and party were out on the beach lately straightening out the monument lines along the Great Highway.

Will the party who took Meyerink's Integral Calculus by mistake kindly return same, as Joe is unable to complete his treatise on "Conjugate Axes of an Hyperbola."

Schlotzhauer hopes to spend his vacation in his usual haunts up in the wilds of Mendocino County, twelve miles northeast of Willits.

Inspector Phillips has been working in Ohmen's room for quite some time. He prefers inside work to field work.

Markle is now running transit in Garen's party. You'll never be able to reduce peeping through a gun, Carl.

Charlie Gardiner is back in harness again and is taking Fenton's place during the latter's illness.

The Fitzgerald Avenue sewer is being extended and will connect with the main sewer at Donner Avenue and Newhall Street. Tegtmeyer is in charge of the office work on this project.

The sidewalks on Taraval Street from Fifteenth Avenue to the beach are being cut down from fifteen to ten feet. This will allow an additional ten feet between curbs which will greatly aid traffic conditions in the future. We guess Giberson and Code wore out several chisels while placing cuts in the walks.

Speaking of cuts in the walk, a friend of mine lost a dollar the other day while on his way to the ball game. In his haste to get a seat he tripped on one of the cuts that the "Little Giant" placed on Valencia near Fifteenth. As he stumbled a dollar rolled out of his hand and disappeared in the cut which resembled a shell hole. Make 'em smaller next time, Charlie.

We do not hear much of George Stahle and Bill Smith of the Grades department, but we know they are right on the job handling the many vexing problems turned over to their department.

Have you noticed the horns starting to sprout on the heads of Heilman and Rademenn lately? These inspectors were initiated into the Elks recently, and Andy Garbarino was the first person to notice the horns.

A. V. Walker received a year's leave of absence and left for Portland where he will reside. Manelli said he would get rained out before the year is over, but with spring here it will only take four months to get webfooted and then A. V. won't mind it.

Al Mallon spent some time near Fleishhacker Pool where the extension of tunnels under the Skyline Boulevard was completed.

After an illness of more than two months, I. J. Ohman is back on the job looking hale and hearty. The first day at work Pop burned out a main bearing on his calculating machine and wore out the new tangent book recently purchased by Harold Stahle.

It is impossible to keep those field assistants from being 100 per cent. Joe Smithwick, Coughlan's protégé, "rode the goat" the other evening to the satisfaction of the membership.

First thing you know, Curran will be getting the aviation fever, as he has been supervising the construction of the second hangar at Mills Field.

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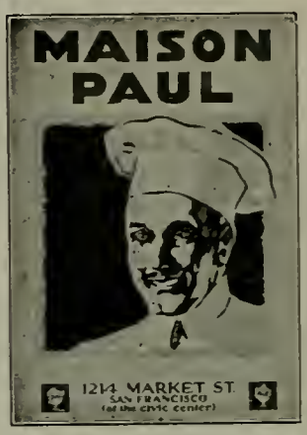

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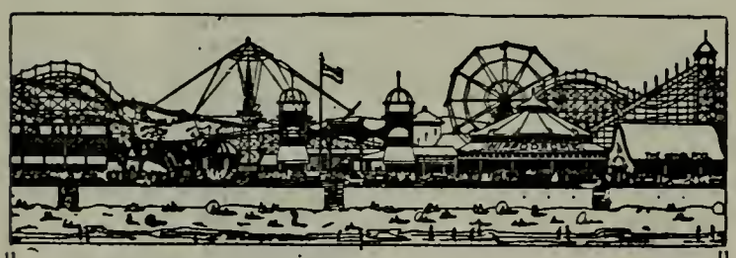

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TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

THIS office has just finished the collection and balancing of two installments of taxes, taking in $26,214,045.70 out of a tax charge of $26,757,312.67. On the last day of payment the various cashiers took in $6,267,088.70 and put their paid stamp marks on 47,-959 tax bills. Some property owners overpaid their taxes or paid them twice, the amount of this overpayment being $28,549.71.

George McGinnis is spending his vacation at Charley O'Connor's home on the Russian River.

Leonard Leavy to Attend Purchasers' Convention

PURCHASER of Supplies, Leonard S. Leavy, will leave San Francisco May 24 for Kansas City to attend the National Convention of Purchasing Agents which opens on May 28 and lasts to May 31. Mr. Leavy is National Director from California.

LEONARD LEAVY
—Photo by Boye

The constructive administration of the Purchasing Agent's office in this city has attracted national attention and has resulted in the choice of Mr. Leavy as chairman of the governmental group in the national association. This is a position he has held now for three years. He has also been requested by the University of Cincinnati to attend a conference there regarding the installation of a centralized purchasing system for the city of Cincinnati. On his return from the East Mr. Leavy will meet City Manager Col. Sherill of Cincinnati and Emmet E. Bennett of the Municipal Reference Bureau there to give them the benefit of his advice.

At the national convention Mr. Leavy will receive the endorsement of his nomination as vice-president of the National Association for the First District. The nomination has been made by the Purchasing Agents' Association of Northern California and is tantamount to final election. The office rotates each year between the five associations in the district. San Francisco held the honor in 1923 with H. Fred Feagans as national vice-president. Since then the office has rotated through the associations of Washington, Oregon, Los Angeles and Utah.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

By Sister Susie

PURCHASER of Supplies Leavy and Mrs. Leavy entertained the "official family" of the Bureau at dinner in their beautiful home on Garcia Avenue on May 19. Believe me, it was some dinner and the "boss" and "Mrs. Boss" are surely ideal hosts. Nothing was left out or left undone, and the party will be a subject for conversation for some time to come. Wives and husbands were included in the party. We still have some single folks on our staff, so there is hope for some of the boys and girls in case the boss ever repeats the dose.

Marius Kast was present unattached, likewise, Dan Flanagan, Jack Finn, Helene Wright and Kay McKenna. Then there were present Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Herget, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McGovern and Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Stimson. Sister Susie was unattached as "Friend Husband" was in Long Beach. What Susie will tell him about the party will not be all she knows.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

By J. Everett Sharp

WHENSOEVER there is anything of a really live nature associated with aquatic events in the bay region, those interested in such affairs immediately think "Ingwersen." It is Henry Ingwersen, Chief Clerk of the Auditor's Department, who almost invariably heads the events and also serves as chairman and generalissimo, insuring large attendance and professional as well as amateur satisfaction.

The department is fairly well placarded with the National Swimming Championship Tournament to be held at the Municipal Swimming Pool June 7, 8, 9 and 10 which will be conducted under the auspices of the Citizens' Committee, of which Auditor Boyle is Treasurer.

A specially featured attraction is in the person of Johnny Weissmuller, world's champion, who will give an exhibition of his swimming prowess along with fancy stunts and feature diving. There will also be Olympic games and diving tryouts so that those who may be attracted will be assured of their money's worth. These events at the Municipal Pool, in which Ingwersen is always so deeply involved, are attracting wider attention each year and are subject of report and comment in sporting papers throughout the nation. It has become, therefore, a feature of our city's allurement of no small importance in attracting visitors to the "City That Knows How."

Tax-paying as a rule is associated in the public mind with the office of the Tax Collector, but his duties in actuality apply only to the collections for the current fiscal period. What he doesn't collect, and this is a sum running into many thousands of dollars through the neglect of about 4000 tax-payers every year, must be attended to in the Auditor's Department. This important detail of the city finances is carried on by the Tax Redemption Deputy, Horace L. Crocker, who has added a few wrinkles to his facial adornment in figuring out interest and penalties for the belated individuals who finally come to his window and grow pale in hearing him recount the list of additions to the initial tax assessed.

Thirty years in the performance of this important work has brought to Deputy Crocker so intimate a knowledge of tax affairs and all legislative enactments affecting taxes and property rights that his opinions are deferred to and respected by County officials throughout California.

Mrs. Goodwin is one of the members of the Auditor's staff who is unafraid of continuous and difficult work and says she is postponing her annual outing until she feels really tired later in the year. She attributes her cheerful attitude toward work and her generally equable temperament to her addiction to generous quantities of "milk from contented cows" which forms no small proportion of her dietary.

The recent removal from the vicinity of the Hall to North Beach of a popular lunch place whose patrons found admittance by a certain number of intermittent rings, has resulted in an added car fare and hasty moves toward the new district so that there is small leisure for the discussion of politics during the lunch period by the regular patrons of the place.

Just because one "sees red" at such a resort doesn't necessarily imply that he is in a murderous mood.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By Louise M. O'Hara

HAVE you noticed the happy smile on Charles Braun's face? That's because he's a Grandpa now and his young grandson (aged two weeks) says he will do honor to the family name. The mother and son are getting along beautifully. Congratulations, Charles!

Dick Harris gave a Stag Luncheon to his office colleagues recently and they say it was a grand success. Nor did Dick forget his skirted friends but brought back a huge box of delicious sandwiches and trimmings for them. Cheers for Dick, he knows how to give parties.

Our Chief Director, Mr. Herman Zimmerman, is taking his first vacation in years and at that is combining business with pleasure. Mr. Zimmerman is a delegate to the convention of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons at Redding. Here's wishing him the finest of weather and a jolly good time.

The office was represented in Society by the Misses O'Neill, Gaffney and Kuck on a recent week-end at Del Monte, where they were guests of the Business and Professional Women's Club. And with swimming in the Roman pool, golfing and motoring they acquired some tan and an awful lot of swank.

We miss our charming Miss Thelma Benson, who was called to New York on account of the very serious illness of her sister. We hope the sister will soon recover so that we may have Thelma again in our midst.

Although Miss Sue Leffler met with a painful accident to her foot, she's still keeping time and without a cane now. Another wounded heroine who cannot be suppressed.

Since Nick Polidori has joined our ranks we've been looking forward to some great donations of fish. Nick's reputation is losing ground or is it water? Where are all those fish, Nick?

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AS THE use of seamless copper tubing for water service pipes is generally recognized as not only practicable, but also the nearest approach to the perfect water service, an article dealing with the copper pipe and bronze fittings, as developed by the Mueller Company, will be of interest inasmuch as the Mueller Company is a pioneer in the development of this innovation.

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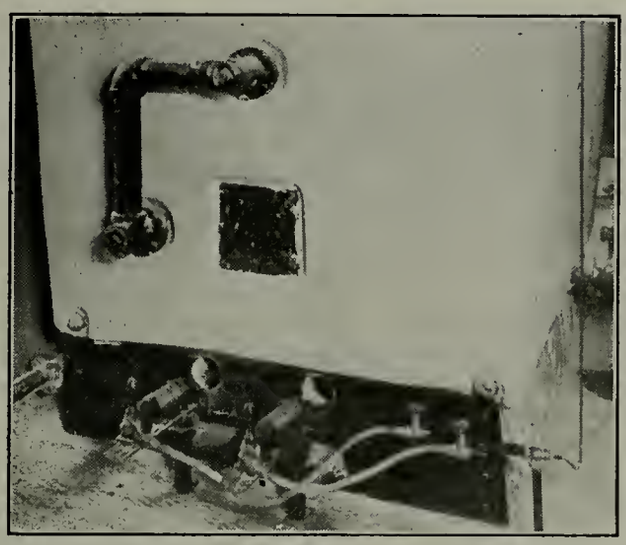

Typical installation of Fess System True-turbine fuel oil burner installation in South Side Union High School, San Francisco School Department

The accompanying cut shows a typical Fess System True-turbine fuel oil burner installation in the new South Side Union High School. The present installation is firing one 1400-square foot Pacific steel boiler; also one No. 4 Sims incinerator. To allow for growth the job is piped for two additional boilers.

New Head for Valve Company

MR. Fred H. Brune, recently appointed Pacific Coast manager for the Rensselaer Valve Company, has established offices in the Sharon Building and will make San Francisco his headquarters. Mr. Brune will direct the activities of his company over a large area, taking in, not only the coast states proper, but also Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Utah, Wyoming; also British Columbia and north through Alaska.

FRED H. BRUNE
—Photo by Grady

Mr. Brune is nationally known to the trade. Starting a little over twenty years ago with the Chicago office of the company, he covered various territories for the sales department, being appointed sales manager of the Seattle office a few years ago. As a direct result of his work in this latter district, he has been promoted to this large and important territory.

Notice to School Teachers

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Parks and Museums

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pageantry and specialty dances by children trained by Miss Gladys Shoemaker, one of the teachers who participated in the May Day Festival.

RALPH MURRAY, Director of the Golden Gate Park Band, has been authorized by the Park Commission to increase the size of the organization to fifty players; this arrangement has already gone into effect and will continue until the middle of October. Murray has been giving the public excellent outdoor concerts for the past five years, and one of his most interested auditors is usually Park Commissioner William Sproule, President of the Southern Pacific Company.

Park Superintendent John McLaren has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee of the State Park Commission, to which has been given the duty of recommending sites for state parks.

Gladys, daughter of Peter G. Rock, veteran Park nurseryman, will be married early this month to Robert Earl Matthews, business man of Walnut Creek. The wedding will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's father, Nursery Cottage in Golden Gate Park. The couple will spend their honeymoon in southern California. The bride's father has been nurseryman in the Park for thirty-one years.

Max Foehr, foreman of that part of Golden Gate Park, which includes De Laveaga Dell, the bear pits and the ball grounds, left on May 22 for a three-months vacation trip to his old home in Germany. He was accompanied by his wife. Foehr was born in Marbach, the birthplace of the great poet and dramatist, Schiller. Max has been an employee of the Park for thirty years.

Two young ladies have been added to the working force in Golden Gate Park. Both are doing the equivalent of men's work and doing it as capably as any of their male rivals. Miss Annette Hochscheid can, according to Peter Rock, for whose department she was employed by Superintendent McLaren, handle a wheel-barrow load of "flats" as well as anybody. She was formerly a piano teacher of Milwaukee and Portland, Oregon, but decided to take up nursery work—not the infant kind—and so is now learning how plants grow and putting them in the proper environment for their best development. She expects to spend a couple of years in the Park nursery.

Miss Marian Birney is the other young lady and she has been placed by Mr. McLaren in charge of Foreman J. Skinner to get practical experience in landscaping. Skinner vouches for her ability with a pitchfork—a literal statement—and he believes she will be a success at her new chosen calling. Miss Birney spent two years at Yale studying law. She then took up agriculture and has a B. S. A. degree from Syracuse University. Last year she was a graduate student at the University of California in landscaping. She will re-enter the university in the fall.

Walter V. Belding Jr., son of the Children's Playground Superintendent, graduates June 3 from St. Ignatius' High School. This fall he will enter St. Ignatius' College to prepare for a career in the law.

De Young Memorial Museum

A J. RICH SR., wealthy and prominent real estate broker of this city, has made a priceless gift to the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum by presenting to it the great Toby Rosenthal painting, "The Seminary Alarmed." This canvas was painted to the order of the late James G. Fair in 1877. It represents a group of twenty-two women and girls, the central figure being that of Mrs. Mills, founder of Mills Seminary. Other figures are also of actual persons.

Behind a partly opened door can be seen three cats who have overturned various articles causing residents of the seminary to suspect the presence of burglars. They are armed with various weapons, including the shovel from the fireplace.

Fair knew this story, which was an actual occurrence, and paid a fabulous sum to have the scene painted. The artist, Toby Rosenthal, painted the picture in Munich, Germany. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, but came, at the age of seven or eight, to California with his parents. He was decorated by the King of Bavaria with the Order of St. Michael. Rosenthal died in 1917. There are three portraits by Rosenthal at the de Young Museum. Two of these are of Mr. and Mrs. Calish, painted in 1868. The other is of Dr. J. Oakland Hirschfelder, who is said to have been the first white child born in Oakland, and who was professor of clinical medicine at Cooper Medical College from 1882 to 1907. This canvas was painted in 1899.

"The Seminary Alarmed" is now on exhibition in the Fairmont Hotel, which was built by heirs of James G. Fair, and will be sent to the de Young Museum early this month, to remain there permanently.

The semi-weekly lecture schedule for the de Young Museum for June is as follows: June 3, Arms and Armor, by Louis C. Towne; 6 and 10, Ceramics, by Miss Helen Gordon Barker; 13 and 17, Nautical Gallery, by Mr. Towne; 20 and 24, Skae Collection of California Artists, by Miss Barker; 27, Early American Collections of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, California Branch, by Mr. Towne. The lectures are given at 4 o'clock on Sundays and at 2 o'clock on Wednesdays, and are free to the public. Miss Barker will continue her lectures over Radio Station KPO every Monday morning at 10:15.

Curator George Haviland Barron of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum attended the Grand Parlor Convention of the Native Sons of the Golden West at Redding the week of May 21 to 26. Mr. Barron has been Grand Historian of the order for the past year.

Legion of Honor Palace

THE great exhibition comprising the foreign section of the Carnegie Institute's Twenty-sixth International Exhibition of Modern Art closed at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor on Sunday, May 13, after a showing of seven weeks. This was undoubtedly one of the most successful and interesting art events ever held on this Coast. Attendance totaled 157,321.

Art departments of newspapers, weeklies and monthlies of the coast gave much space to the varying views of different critics.

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Playgrounds

By Veda Beresford Young
Secretary Playground Commission

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MRS. MARIE FOSTER
—Photo by Bushnell

Music has always played an important part in the program conducted by the San Francisco Playground Department. Recently it was decided to establish a music department in order to enlarge the scope of the work. This department is under the direct supervision of Mrs. Marie Foster.

While music has always been an integral part of the playground pageantry, dramatic, folk dancing and community programs, still it is, nevertheless, a new field, a pioneer movement, so to speak. The department is to be congratulated on the splendid selection of its music supervisor. Mrs. Foster is a graduate of Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, where she took an active part in the music and dramatic departments. She was the soprano in the Washburn Girls' quartette and, in that capacity, toured the state. For several years she directed choirs in Kansas, and also had musical experience in El Paso, Texas.

For the past seven years she has been living in San Francisco and has not only directed choirs, but glee clubs as well. She has been both a student and teacher at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music for the past three years. Since taking up her work with the Playgrounds a great many musical groups have come into existence in the department. Her work is closely allied with the dramatic and pageantry department.

Her work brings her not only in close contact, but on an intimate basis with budding talent. There is a tremendous field to explore. The path is open to pave the way for the appreciation and advancement of musical interests.

All children wishing to avail themselves of the many opportunities afforded in the music department need only come to the playgrounds for instruction. Within the very short time that this new department has been functioning, the following groups have been started: Girls' Glee Clubs at Julius Kahn, Southside, Excelsior, Glen Park, Jackson and Margaret S. Hayward Playgrounds; Boys' Glee Clubs at North Beach, Glen Park and Chinese Playgrounds; Orchestral Groups at Chinese and Excelsior Playgrounds; Harmonica Groups at North Beach, Excelsior and Chinese Playgrounds.

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Policemen—Elcar Boosters

SAN FRANCISCO policemen at the Ingleside Station are Elcar boosters, according to Lawrence Barmann, sales manager of the local Elcar branch. Three cars have already been delivered to the boys and there are several sales in view. Sergeant Frank Teutenberg sports an 8-78 sedan, Corporal Thomas Feeney makes them all envious with his new 8-78 Deluxe sedan, while patrol driver Charles Smith sits at the wheel of an 8-82 Princess brougham.

It is claimed that when the three get together it sounds like a convention of Elcar salesmen. The conversation runs along the lines of "shock-less chassis—greater than usual riding qualities—no metallic shackles—" and so forth and so on until their fellow officers threaten to buy Elcars to make the thing unanimous.

Be that as it may, the fact remains that Elcar has three satisfied customers at the Ingleside station who are using every opportunity to boost for the car.

Doctor d'Ancona Mourned

DOCTOR A. A. d'Ancona, former supervisor and former member and president of the Board of Education, died at Stanford Hospital May 7. He was dean of the University of California Hospital from 1899 to 1912. From 1900 to 1906 he served as a member of the Board of Supervisors, acting as chairman of the Finance committee during the administration of Mayor Phelan. He became a member of the Board of Education in 1912, serving as president until 1914. He continued as a member of the Board until January 8, 1922, when he was appointed Deputy Superintendent of Schools, a position he resigned on June 30 last year. At that time he left for a tour of Europe but abandoned the plan when he became ill in New York.

Water Works Convention

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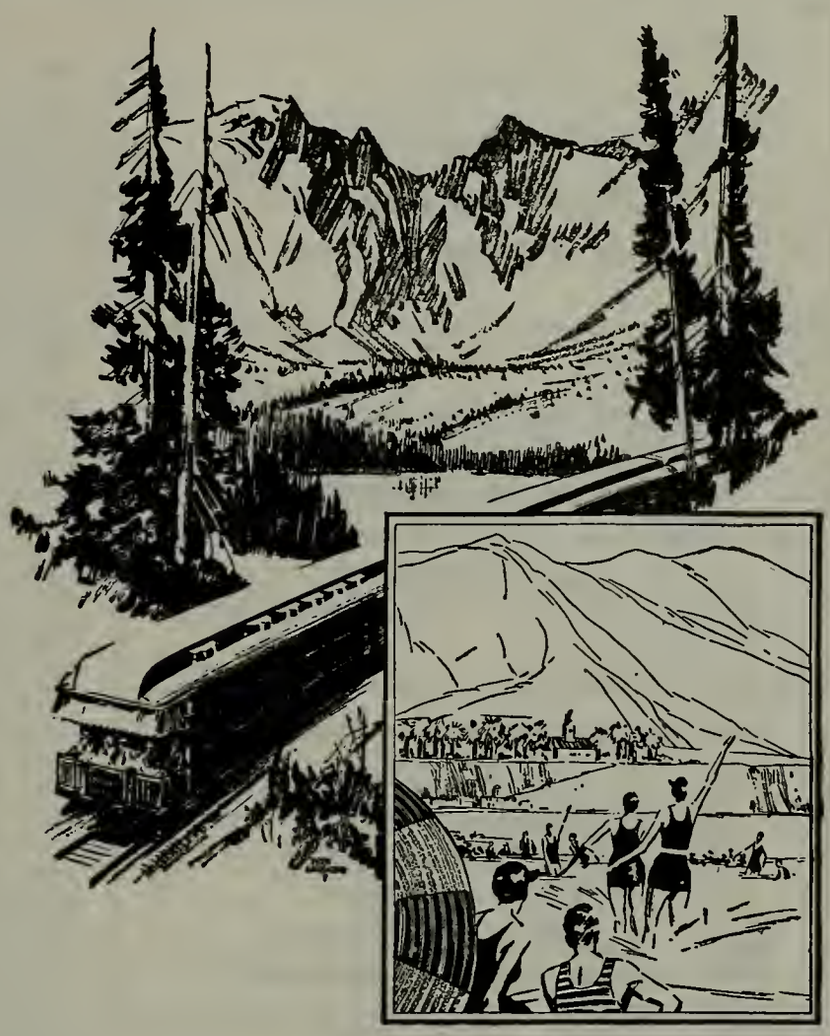
at the San Jose meeting of the California State Association last year and met with such enthusiasm that it is being repeated this year before the national association with enlarged scope.

During the convention a large exhibition is being staged by the various manufacturers of water works appliances and products. Practically the entire first floor of the Fairmont is given over to the needs of the association with the Red, the Gold, the Empire and Green Rooms occupied with the more than eighty booths of the exhibitors. The management of the Fairmont has assured the committee that everything will be done to insure continuation of San Francisco's fame as a hospitable convention city.



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By Joseph Murphy

THE second picnic of the Department of Electricity has passed into history to be always in the minds of those who attended. Too much credit cannot be given the committee in charge, because it certainly knows how to handle such affairs.

It seemed to be a regular field day for the shop boys who won the baseball game by one run. Not satisfied with that, they also won the relay race by a hair. Joe De Vecmon did not enter, hence the hair!

The baseball game was a see-saw affair. First one side was ahead, and then the other, finally ending up 16 to 15 in favor of the Machinists. Wiesinger and Delaney pitched big league ball, but errors by the fielders, because of the slippery grass, caused the large score. In the sixth inning, with the score 14 to 9, Fred Desmond was tired out as a pitcher for the Inspectors. He walked four men on the first sixteen balls he threw. When he hit Casement on the head with the next ball he was taken out in favor of Gerber, and the scoring was stopped at 14 all.

The Inspectors made one run in the last inning, and thought the game was on ice, but after two outs, three successive hits by Delaney, Kugeler and Wayman gave the game to the Machinists. You should see Bill Fletcher play third. He stood on the bag and the Inspectors tried to knock him off.

We had some square umpire in Al Cohen. He called a strike on Siggins and evened it up giving the Inspectors two extra outs the next inning. Duncan had two put-outs at second base he didn't get credit for.

It was good to see Managers De Vecmon and Reid on the side lines rooting for their teams. Kennedy can certainly cover the home plate; you couldn't even see one corner of it.

How about the mosquitoes out in center field, Eddie?

Frank Noonan tried hard to get a hit. He jumped three feet to strike at one. Some pegger Jack O'Brien —tried to stop a run from center field and just missed it. Joe Wayman was some Babe Ruth; four hits and he sent in the winning run.

Much interest was shown this year in barn yard golf. The shoes were kept on the throw all afternoon. Volley ball also was enjoyed by the ladies. There was some fun when grown ups and kiddies enjoyed the races and games provided for them by Nick Siggins and Eddie Collins. Bill Roche had a great time keeping Bill Pennycook's dog in tow when Bill went into the "Old Timers Race"; at that, Bill came in second and Frank Noonan tried to win by sliding to the line on his smeller.

Suitable prizes were received by the lucky ones for their efforts. The gate prize, an electric toaster, was won by Frank Noonan's niece. By the way, the Noonan family got the gate prize last year; some gatekeeper is Frank.

Big lunch baskets, full of goodies, were heaped on every table. Delicious coffee, hot dog sandwiches, ice cream and peanuts furnished by the employees of the Department of Electricity made the luncheon complete.

It was long after the sun disappeared behind the hills when the last of the tired but happy crowd left the park.

Traffic Court fines collected in San Francisco for the six months ending April 30 amounted to $44,035.

Fire Department

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professor put his latest song hit over big, and as to its name, we think it is called Lindy Lu.

Grimmenstein and Love of Engine 16, better known as the Landscape Gardeners, have been devoting considerable time of late trimming the lawns in the vicinity of Westwood Park.

Harrington of Engine 10, better known as the Lindbergh of Mills Field, is contemplating purchasing a Ford all-metal plane. Look out for the tail spins, Dan.

Sydow of Truck 4 has been seen quite often of late in the vicinity of West Oakland. It is rumored that Louie is strong for colored attractions.

Bradley of Truck 4 is offering $100 to anyone who can invent a device that will keep Tommy Hayes from falling out of a boat. Why worry Legs, he can't swim.

Desmond of Truck 8 is some handball player. Jim lost fourteen straight games during the past month.

Shay of Engine 12 has the old Red Devil apart for the forty-seventh time. Why not leave it apart, Crock?

Ruane of Truck 13 has a photograph of himself in uniform on display in a window at 2854 Mission Street. Larry would appreciate any of the boys giving it the once over.

Lieutenant Grimmenstein of Engine 16 spent the opening day of trout season in the wilds of La Honda. Jack claims to have caught eleven large trout. We don't doubt you, Jack, but we cannot understand how the size increases every time you unload your story.

Battalion Chief Riordan of District 10 is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation in the high Sierras. Gene also caught several fish, but admits they were mere sardines alongside of Lieutenant Grimmenstein's prizes.

Lloyd Dornell, former radio star and now a member of Engine 25, gave a dinner recently to the members of his company. The boys enjoyed the oxtail immensely.

While Joyce of Engine 16 was picking wild flowers on Monahan's Hill, the boys of Engine 48 were picking shingles from Tom's roof. We advise the installation of a sprinkler system, Tom.

Walter Pettingil of Engine 37 has plenty of competition now in the line of being called the sheik of Twenty-fifth Street since handsome Jack O'Brien joined the company.

Linney of Engine 11 has entered the wife-calling contest which is being held over radio station KFRC. Good luck, Harry, but be mighty careful what you call her.

Frohman and Finkeldey, better known as the twins of Engine 15, spent a pleasant vacation together touring southern California.

McMahon, the sheik of Engine 15, is displaying a bullet-proof vest. Let us in on the big secret, Milt.

It's rumored around that our friend and associate, Captain Rocca of drill tower fame, is seriously thinking of a special day for former police officers who are now in our department. What's the big idea, Captain; more tags?

Nothing much was said of our good friend Tom Cribben of Truck 1 when he appeared in that Tux outfit in a recent ball at the Civic Auditorium. It did not get by us by any means, and maybe the girl friends didn't give him the "these and those." Tom sure looked like a Bancitaly Vice-President.

Slavich, the athlete supreme of Engine 18, claims he

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was double-crossed by Battalion Chief Kenny. It seems the Chief sent a friend out to Sam for instruction in the manly art, and during the first lesson Sam received a badly discolored optic. As to the name of the said pupil, well it looks like a case for the Detective Bureau.

Olson of Engine 40, better known as the heart-breaker of Twin Peaks, is now located in North Beach. No doubt the school teacher will miss the morning promenade along the beach esplanade, Ed.

All you knicker wearers better stay clear of the vicinity of Fourth and Howard streets. As to the reason, consult Captain Perrone of Engine 48.

Rohde, the Chief's Operator, better known as Big Hearted, spent a very pleasant day on Friday, May 11, at San Quentin as the guest of Edward White, the State Parole Officer. The Warden would have invited him to dinner only the grass was already cut. Better luck next time, Rohde.

Powers and Cassidy, better known as the Barber Poles of Engine 11, cannot understand why the above name was hung on them. Ever notice a barber pole, boys? Then figure it out.

Lost, one pair of silk underwear. Finder please return same to Captain Hartman of Truck 13 and receive liberal reward. It seems the Captain hung said silk underwear on the line to dry after a recent working fire, but the wind must have blew same away. Did you call Charley Harley, Ferris?

Wyatt of Engine 12 is visiting the barber shops quite often of late. It is rumored that George is having his face massaged daily in order to hide the wrinkles. Looks like old age is creeping on you, George, when the wrinkles show.

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Bill Hamilton Plays Santa

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Joseph T. McGuire of the Sterling Laundry is assisting Bill in making the outing a success.

Anyone desiring to assist in this good work should get in touch with either Mr. Hamilton, Superintendent of Municipal Water Works, or Mr. McGuire of the Sterling Laundry.

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Of Interest to Women

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have taken on coats of brilliant color, and humans should be clad to match their surroundings, if only to fulfill natural laws. Nature takes care that the birds and the beasts are properly colored, and even changes the fur coats of creatures like the ermine, with the seasons. If you have a hunger for bright color indulge it now, for by next year, the fad may have swung around again. Already I see signs of the ubiquitous navy blue of pre-war days appearing in disquieting quantity. Not that I have anything against navy blue as a color, but it does have a rather subduing effect on the street kaleidoscope.

SANDWICHES FOR STARVING PICNICKERS

By Martha Adams
Best Foods Home Economic Service

YOU know how it is! You survey your kitchen table, piled high with sandwiches, cakes, stuffed rolls, cookies and yawning thermos bottles waiting to receive hot coffee or cold drinks, and say "Heavens! We never could eat that much in a thousand years!" But wait! When the picnickers have frolicked and picked flowers, gone bathing or played Indians an hour or two, you'll find the blank emptiness of the hamper's bottom staring up at you all too soon. For human creatures become "starving hungry" an hour after they are let loose to cavort in the open spaces.

When you are elected to provide a picnic lunch, stock up heavily on savory eatables—and don't forget the thirst quenchers! In buckling down to transforming your food supply into luncheon form, observe these long-established rules: use bread twenty-four hours old. Any bread may be used, and a variety is more welcome than monotony. Certain types of bread are best adapted for certain fillings, and the heartiest of everything is most welcome by those who romp in the open. For the sturdy luncheon crusts need not be removed, for they are flavorous and nutritious. For spreading the sandwich bread, Nucoa should be creamed in advance and kept where it will not melt but will nevertheless be spreadable. Use one spread and one unspread slice for each sandwich, fitting slices to match so that there will be no wasted bread. Prepare the luncheon at the last possible moment, without delaying the party. If a very early start is made to a favorite picnic ground, the sandwiches may be made the night before, placed on a plate, and both covered with a cloth wrung out of hot water, which will prevent air from entering.

Each sandwich to be eaten out-of-doors should be neatly and carefully wrapped in waxed paper, and so packed the provider of the lunch knows where each variety is. In waxed paper a sandwich will remain fresh and dainty for hours. Sandwiches may be made ready in large quantities in almost as short a time as is required to prepare a few, if amounts are figured out in advance, and the actual making systematized.

There are thousands of sandwiches for all occasions, and most of us have our own favorites. But in making them in number, consider this. Picnics are often marred by the lack of liquid refreshment, and in the absence of a dependable spring or other source of water, salad sandwiches and fruit are a great blessing. Best Foods Mayonnaise, used as a spread or in con-

junction with refreshing lettuce, makes sandwiches of a most agreeable kind. They are cooling, crisp and enemies to dryness. Include a few at least, in any picnic hamper.

And in case you are in search of sandwich surprises, perhaps these concrete suggestions may prove welcome: a substantial sandwich which is not hackneyed by much serving is made of slices of white bread spread with Nucoa. One cup of cold chopped chicken, one cup of chopped cold ham, six chopped olives, three tablespoons of Best Foods Mayonnaise, and a teaspoon of lemon juice are combined for a "filler." When lightly mixed, spread the combination between the slices, and pack in a corner a quantity of Bread and Butter Pickles to be served with them.

Dainty sandwiches need not be forgotten, although, for al freso serving, they may be of good size. For one variety, put English walnuts through a chopper and moisten the meats with Best Foods Mayonnaise, adding a finely shredded lettuce heart, for the sake of crispness. Use one-half cup of ground nuts to one-fourth cup of the mayonnaise, and one shredded heart of lettuce. Spread white bread with creamed Nucoa and then with the filling. Keep damply wrapped as long as possible. since salad plants incline to wilt quickly.

Old favorites such as ham, cheese, chicken and cold cooked meat combinations should not be forgotten, and many palates will appreciate the moist goodness of appetizing seafood—tuna fish, lobster or crab meat, prepared with proper seasoning and a moistening of Best Foods Mayonnaise, with Bread and Butter Pickles as a relish, and the indispensable lettuce leaf.

The Municipal Camp

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planned in the large dining room used, when necessary, as a recreation hall.

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Registration is made in person at Room 376, City Hall. The office is open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily except Saturday when the closing time is at noon. Early registration is advisable since only 175 persons can be accommodated at one time.

Rates for a fourteen-day outing, including transportation, board and lodging are: Adults, $38.50. Children: six through eleven, $22.50; two through five, $12. For those traveling in their own machine according to schedule the rates are: Adults, $28.50. Children: six through eleven, $17.50; two through five, $12.

For adults a $10 deposit is required and for children, $5. The balance is to be paid four days in advance of the excursion.

The schedule leaving on Sunday and returning on Saturday is as follows: June 17 to June 30, June 24 to July 7, July 1 to July 14, July 8 to July 21, July 15 to July 28, July 22 to August 4, July 29 to August 11, August 5 to August 18, August 12 to August 25.

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San Francisco's Water Supply

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midway between the Pacific Ocean and the Bay of San Francisco, about eleven miles south of the city. An earth dam seventy feet high, built across Pilarcitos Creek in the year 1867, impounds the run-off from 5.2 square miles of watershed, creating a lake which holds 1,000,000,000 gallons of water.

San Andres Reservoir is located in the next valley to the east of Pilarcitos and about two miles to the north. The dam was constructed in 1868 in the same manner as Pilarcitos, its height being ninety-five feet. The capacity of the reservoir is 6,000,000,000 gallons, and the average annual rainfall is about forty inches. The drainage area directly tributory to the reservoir is 8.4 square miles.

Crystal Springs Reservoir occupies the lower portion of the same valley that contains San Andres, and is about thirteen miles south of San Francisco. It was formed by the construction of a concrete dam 154 feet high, containing 157,200 cubic yards of concrete, built in 1887-90. Crystal Springs Reservoir has a total length of about seven miles, a storage capacity of 22,500,000,000 gallons, and an average annual rainfall of twenty-nine inches.

The combined average daily production of Pilarcitos, San Andres and Crystal Springs reservoirs is 18,000,000 gallons.

Lake Merced, in the southwest corner of San Francisco, is a natural lake whose capacity was increased to 2,500,000,000 gallons by the construction of an earth dike about fifteen feet high across its outlet. The normal daily productivity is three and a half million gallons.

The Alameda sources are all contained within the drainage area of Alameda Creek, a stream which drains over 600 square miles of watershed located in the Coast Range mountains on the east side of San Francisco Bay. The topography of the area varies greatly, ranging from the flat valleys of Sunol and Livermore, at elevation of 220 feet, through rolling foothills to the rugged slopes of Mt. Diablo, Black Mountain and Mt. Hamilton, at elevation of 4209 feet above sea level. The rainfall varies from a minimum of 15.26 inches at Livermore to 30.50 inches at Mt. Hamilton. Due to the large drainage area, the average annual run-off is 47,000,000,000 gallons.

THREE storage locations are to be found on the principal tributaries of Alameda Creek, one of which has been developed on the Arroyo Honda, and is known as Calaveras Reservoir. It is located about nine miles south of Sunol. An earth-and-rock dam, the lower portion of which was constructed by the hydraulic-fill method, and the upper part with a rolled-clay core supported by loosely placed rock, impounds the run-off from 100 square miles of watershed. The height of the dam is 220 feet above bedrock and the capacity of the reservoir is 32,800,000,000 gallons. Based on past records, the daily productivity at present is 38,200,000 gallons. When the Upper Alameda Tunnel, which is now under construction, is completed, the run-off of an additional forty square miles of drainage area will be transported a distance of 9700 feet into Calaveras Reservoir.

In addition to the surface storage described, the Spring Valley Water Company makes use of two underground sources of supply, known as Sunol and Livermore valleys. The Sunol Valley is a gravel-filled

depression with a surface area of 1300 acres, located at the upper entrance to Niles Canyon through which the entire drainage of the Alameda system of over 600 square miles must pass on its way to the Bay. A low dam at the canyon entrance backs up the water in the gravels from which it is abstracted through an infiltration gallery. Water is taken from the Livermore Valley through the medium of wells ranging in depth from fifty to 600 feet. At the present time seventy-five wells are equipped with pumping units, which are operated when necessary. The Livermore Valley floor has an area of thirty-five square miles. Rainfall on an area of 412 square miles supplies the streams which pass through the valley.

Pilarcitos water flows through a conduit composed of tunnel, flume and pipe into San Andres reservoir. From San Andres reservoir the combined water flows at present through a forty-four-inch pipe to Baden. At Baden this line divides into two thirty-inch pipes, one of which leads to College Hill Reservoir and the other to Central Pump on the Merced Ranch, both terminals being in the city. A fifty-four-inch pipe ten miles long is now under construction from San Andres to Lake Honda Reservoir, which when completed in August will increase the present transmission line capacity from 50,000,000 to 80,000,000 gallons daily.

Crystal Springs Reservoir at elevation of 288 feet delivers its supply through a forty-four-inch pipe 89,500 feet long to University Mound Reservoir in the southeast quarter of San Francisco. At Millbrae a 10,000,000-gallon reservoir pump is so arranged as to take water from the Crystal Springs line and force it into the pipe carrying the San Andres water to San Francisco.

Water from the three sources of supply in the Alameda system, namely, Livermore and Sunol valleys and Calaveras Reservoir, is united at Sunol and carried through the same transmission system. The infiltration system consisting of 8985 feet of rectangular tunnels with concrete tops and concrete-lined sides pierced with numerous two-inch pipes, fed by 2725 feet of auxiliary perforated concrete pipe thirty-six inches in diameter, with open joints, collects the supply from the water-filled gravels. The collecting system is below the surface of the ground water which is maintained by Sunol Dam, a concrete structure about twenty-eight feet high at the valley outlet.

The Calaveras supply is discharged from the reservoir through a forty-eight-inch pipe laid in an outlet tunnel which pierces the west abutment of the dam. The water is allowed to flow down Calaveras Creek to Sunol, where it percolates through the gravels into the infiltration system.

THE well supply from the Livermore Valley is abstracted from the underground gravels by pumps and discharged into a thirty-inch pipe 28,000 feet long, which carries it to Sunol and delivers it into the main gallery of the infiltration system at the Water Temple, a structure of classic design which surmounts the basin at the meeting point of the various sub-sources of the Alameda system.

Leaving the Water Temple the supply is carried in a concrete aqueduct to the Niles Reservoir, near the town of Niles. From this reservoir two pipes carry the water on its way to San Francisco. A thirty-six-inch pipe runs direct to Dumbarton Point, connecting with four submarine pipes crossing the Bay. From the west shore the water is carried to Belmont Pumps. Here it is pumped to Millbrae in a pipe laid in the State

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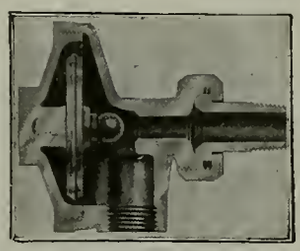

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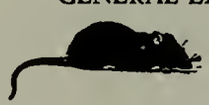

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Highway, which connects with the Crystal Springs-University Mound Reservoir line. The second line from Niles Reservoir begins as a forty-four-inch pipe leading to Irvington where it is connected to the sixty-inch Bay Division pipe of the Hetch Hetchy. The Bay Division pipe crosses the Bay as a forty-eight-inch submarine which increases again to a sixty-inch pipe, passes through Redwood City and finally discharges into the south end of Crystal Springs Reservoir through the Pulgas tunnel.

The distributing system in San Francisco is necessarily complicated owing to the uneven topography of the city. Consequently the distributing-pipe system is divided by closed gate valves into a large number of major and minor areas in order to avoid excessive pressure variations. A large amount of pumping is necessary after the water reaches the city. The total installed pumpage capacity of the system is 187,000,000 gallons daily, 35,000,000 of it in San Francisco. In all there are eighteen separate service districts in San Francisco, of which six might be termed major districts.

Although ownership of the drainage areas affords a practical protection to the water, as a further insurance the supply is sterilized.

The life of Spring Valley Water Company is approaching its close. At the recent bond election the voters decided that the time had come for the city to take over all the operative properties and merge them with the Hetch Hetchy supply. After seventy years of life Spring Valley Water Company is about to pass from private to municipal ownership.

Make Fire a Servant

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the fire in cigar and cigarette butts when thrown away, the overheating of stoves, furnaces, and their pipes and chimneys, all acts of everyday life, bind the man in New York with the man in San Francisco in the matter of cost, so that each fire has a direct relation to each citizen, regardless of their physical location with respect to each other.

As to the fire department, this represents fire suppression only and can represent nothing else, i.e., putting out a fire when it occurs. Reliance upon a fire department, even though it be the best in the land, does not relieve anyone from his duty toward fire prevention any more than the presence of a skilled physician in the community relieves one of the necessity of caring for his home or person in matters of sanitation and health in an effort to prevent sickness and disease. Preventive medicine has done more than anything else to stamp out the ravages of disease in our community life, just as fire prevention, when more generally practiced, will do the same thing in protecting the individual and the community against the ravages of fire, allowing us to conserve our resources and increase the prosperity of our city, state and nation.

The tragedy of fire is that it is almost entirely preventable. There are, of course, natural causes for conflagrations that cannot be helped, but these are a very small percentage of the total. The greatest damage is caused by carelessness and lack of forethought. Millions of dollars and thousands of human lives are wasted and destroyed each year by the carelessness of a few persons. It would not be so reprehensible if the loss were borne by them alone, but it must be shared, directly or indirectly, by every citizen and taxpayer.

Safety Factors Lessen Waste

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The great throngs that are attracted to the vaudeville and movie shows on Saturday and Sunday nights, for example, crowd the theaters to the doors. The theaters give two, and sometimes three performances each night, and it is the custom of the management to announce to waiting patrons in the lobby, when all seats have been taken, that standing room only remains, and that seats of any kind will not be available until the next performance. But moving picture patrons know by experience that there will be no let down in the jam, and the majority of them purchase tickets and crowd in wherever they can, with the hope of securing a seat at the harrowing moment known as "intermission."

The consequence is that, for a large part of the performance, patrons are crowded literally to the roof in the balcony, and other standees in the lobby section are roped in. A moving picture habitue considers himself very fortunate to be one of those near the rope, although his chances of making an effective exit in case of fire or panic are decidedly poor.

The point of the foregoing is that the slightest fire, or even a false alarm, would precipitate a stampede that would be sickening in its consequences.

Rigid enforcement of adequate rules of safety, the adoption of a no-smoking rule, and the enforcement of the following safeguards for all theaters are recommended for public safety:

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Traffic—New Fire Menace

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the way of re-enforcement. Not only do they interfere with first alarm companies in their task of quickly and efficiently getting to work, but seriously handicap the approach of fire apparatus, that may be called on second or third alarms, often making it practically impossible for such apparatus to secure effective positions.

Former Fire Head Passes

HENRY M. Wreden, who was president of the Board of Fire Commissioners during the great conflagration of 1906, and who continued as its head during the two years of reconstruction following the fire, died here on May 1 after a brief illness. Mr. Wreden was 63 years old and was a life long resident of the city. He was the son of Claus Wreden and president of the Claus Wreden Brewery Company, founded by his father. For many years he was also president of the California Brewers' Protective Association. He is survived by a widow, a daughter, a brother and a sister.

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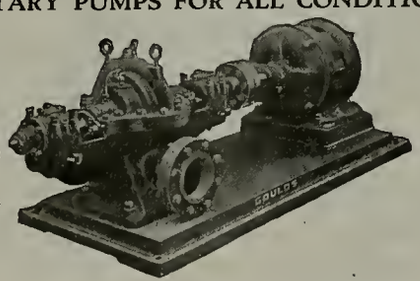

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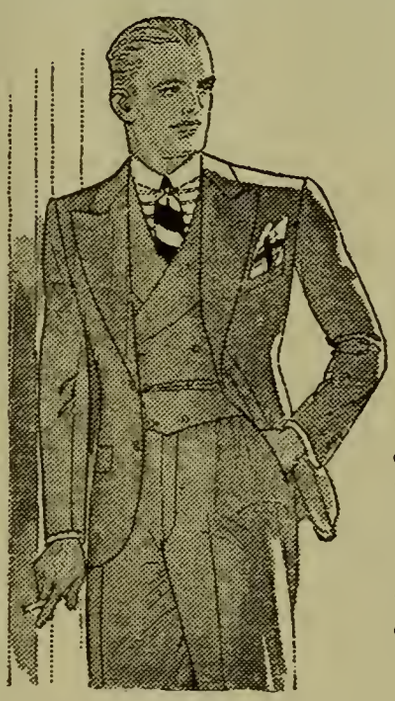

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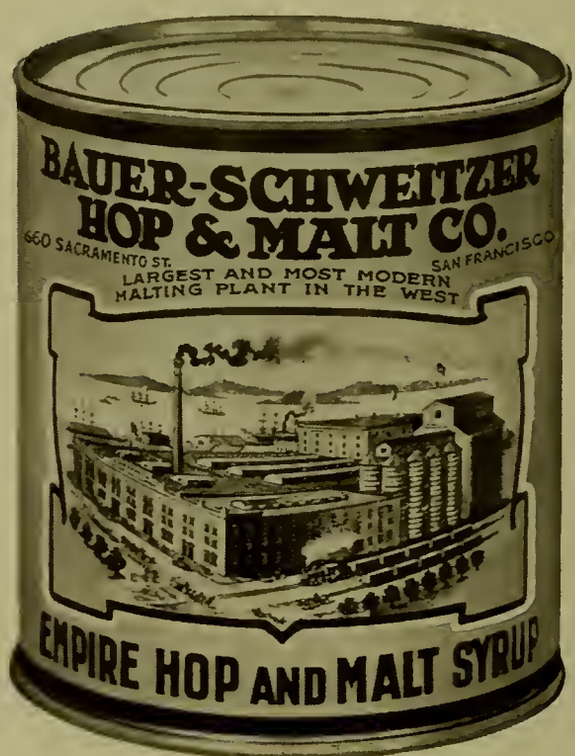
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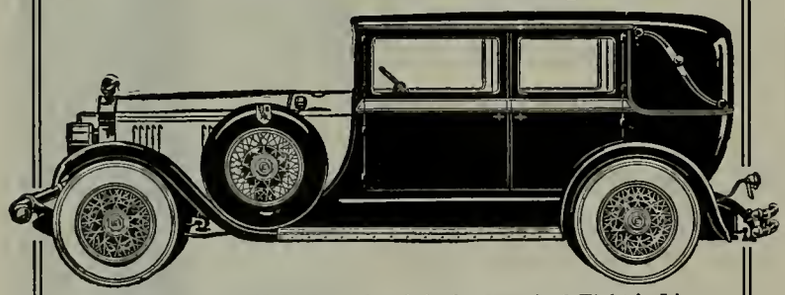

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July, 1928

Our First Birthday

ONE year ago this month there came into the field of publications in this city a new infant, THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE. It dedicated itself to the interests of the eleven thousand men and women who were part of the official family of the city and county of San Francisco, and whose ability and intelligence were devoted to carrying out the great tasks to which the city, through its leaders, had set itself.

Its purpose was to record the progress of these tasks, to give the city employee an official organ of expression, to help co-ordinate his interests, to make him better acquainted with the lives and problems of his fellows and thus to serve him and the city of San Francisco in a practical and effective way.

The infant has grown into a lusty youngster and now celebrates his first birthday. He has successfully avoided the pitfalls of infancy, albeit he has suffered from colic now and then and has experienced the customary pains incident to teething. In the main, however, he has been happy in his work of growing up and looks back this July with a sense of satisfaction upon his success.

Since his birth, San Francisco has gone a long way on its road toward greatness and will soon increase the size of its family by several thousand, when it takes over the operation of the Spring Valley Water Company. THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE is proud to feel that it had a part in this accomplishment. In fact it is proud to be alive and thriving, for in that fact, if in no other, it sees the proof of its success.

Today, in the light of the single candle which shines atop its birthday cake, it dedicates itself anew to its city, our city, and to those who labor for it.

THIS month's issue of THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE is dedicated to District Attorney Matthew Brady and his staff of able and conscientious assistants. The office of district attorney is one in which the people have an especial interest, for in the hands of its incumbent lies the protection of many of their fundamental rights. That the people of San Francisco have confidence in Judge Brady is shown by the fact that he has been three times elected to the office. Born in San Francisco fifty-two years ago, the son of a pioneer merchant, he has devoted most of his life to public service, first on the Civil Service Board, later as judge of the police court and now as district attorney. THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE is happy to join in this tribute to his ability.

Science the Real Aid to Crime Prevention

By MATTHEW BRADY
District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MATTHEW BRADY
—Photo by Bushnell

THE public, generally speaking, looks upon the District Attorney as a prosecutor, and by many he is regarded as an official instrument of vengeance upon the law breaker. This is a serious misconception. A District Attorney who, in the discharge of his duties, sees in the offender nothing more than one who has violated the law and who regards his duty as fulfilled when the law breaker has been put behind the prison bars, has a narrow vision of what his real function is.

His official activities should comprehend a much wider field than the mere conviction of offenders. His better function is to prevent, as far as possible, the commission of the things which, when done, will compel him to prosecute those who are guilty thereof. District Attorneys charged with the duty of law enforcement are taking this view of their official duties. In fact, it is generally conceded that a District Attorney who is unmindful of his duty in this regard does not serve well.

Some day crime is going to be handled in the field we call "Science." That is, there will be a careful investigation, a careful gathering of facts, and a calm and dispassionate drawing of conclusions from those facts. There will be no more emotion in it than in determining any fact in the field of science. That means that there will be eliminated from the consideration of crime both anger against the defendant and sympathy for him. Both will be eliminated. We will come to that some day.

WE ARE coming to it in a vague way now. We should take more advantage of the scientific knowledge that exists today on the subject of crime, both on preventing crime and on what to do with the criminal if he is convicted of crime. There is a lot of such knowledge in the world today, gathered by people who have made careful study of these subjects, but it isn't being sufficiently used.

For some strange reason the handling of crime remains in the field we call "common sense." All civilization has been a warfare with "common sense." It is the reaction of the average man on a subject he doesn't know anything about. Telephone, electric light, steam engine, iron ships, radio,—everything we have around us has violated "common sense." At the time of their adoption they had to oppose incredulity and ridicule. We have tried to handle crime in a way satisfactory to the uninformed.

Now what's the trouble? What can be done? What ought to be done? These are the questions that are perplexing the minds and absorbing the attention of students, criminologists, jurists, scientists, District Attorneys and all those who have awakened to the seriousness of the problem. I am not going to burden you with any scientific discussion. Somehow, out of my experience, I have come to the conclusion that if we would put a little more humanity, social and scientific effort into the task of grappling with the problems of crime we might make some distinct progress in that direction. And here, again, I venture to assert that intelligent and humane effort along the lines of crime prevention affords the best road on which reform should travel.

WITHOUT at this time going into the figures, it is a fact that society spends enormous sums of money every year to protect itself against crime and criminals and to secure the punishment of the law breaker by confining him in penitentiaries. These sums represent the second largest item in the budgets of government, both state and local. The economic waste that results from these vast expenditures, made necessary by the effort of the state to insure self-protection and to enforce its penal statutes, is immediately reflected in the tax rate and in the contribution which the citizen must make to the expense and

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The Functions of the Superior Court

By FRANKLIN A. GRIFFIN
Judge of the Superior Court

JUDGE FRANKLIN A. GRIFFIN

OF ALL the courts now organized under the constitution and laws of the State of California, the Superior Court is, by far, the most important. Such a statement, to the casual observer, may seem rash indeed, but when one considers and weighs the factors upon which the statement is based, its justification is most apparent.

The Superior Court has large powers and wide jurisdiction. It is the initial forum of the bulk of all litigation. It is the court of last resort and final adjudication in all appeals from inferior courts, and, in the determination of such appeals, no decision of fact, nor indeed of law, of such inferior court has any sanctity. Appeals from the Superior Court, upon decisions of fact, are never disturbed where the evidence before the trial court is conflicting, and a study of the records of appellate courts reveals that decisions of the Superior Court have been generally affirmed save in a very small percentage of cases.

When one reflects that the great majority of decisions of the Superior Court become final because of no appeal and that only a comparatively small number of appealed cases are disturbed by the higher courts, the importance of the Superior Court is, it may well be said, obvious.

THE Superior Court of the City and County of San Francisco is divided into and functions through sixteen departments. Three of these departments are devoted exclusively to the trial of cases which arise from violations of penal statutes and thus affect most intimately the lives, liberty and safety of the citizenship of the community in general. The other thirteen departments take care of the civil business of the community and are thus closely related to its social and commercial life. Until recent years, the various departments of the court functioned rather independently of each other and without a great amount of co-ordination or co-operation, each department controlling its own calendar and disposing of the business assigned to it by the presiding judge of the court in the manner deemed most advisable by the judge of the department.

Increased population, changed modern conditions, increasing litigation and the resulting congestion of trial calendars, with a corresponding delay in the disposition of litigated questions, have brought about a change in the old system which has added to the efficiency and speeded up generally the working of the court.

In an article such as this only a skeleton of the manner of the disposition of cases,—the working of the court,—may be attempted. The change in our system was first inaugurated some three years ago in those departments of the court in which were being tried, almost exclusively, jury cases, and so advantageous did it prove that at the beginning of the present year it was concluded to extend its operation, with some modification developed by experience, to all civil departments of the court. The principal business of the court is now transacted through what may be termed a clearing house, which is the department of the presiding judge. To this department, in the first instance, are sent all cases and in the hands of the presiding judge is the power to keep the wheels of justice properly in motion. Preliminary matters, such as motions and the settlement of the issues or questions to be determined between litigants, are disposed of by him or in the department set apart for such purpose, and when all preliminaries have been disposed of and a cause is ready for trial, under the system now in vogue, the business of the presiding judge is to see that such trial be had at the earliest possible moment.

TO THIS end, a master-calendar, or, to be exact, a series of master-calendars are made up in the department of the presiding judge, and to these calendars are assigned all cases in the order in which they are received by him, preference only being given to those which, under the law, are entitled to such preference. From these master-calendars are prepared subcalendars from which the daily disposition of all cases,—those tried before a jury and those before the court or chancellor,—is made. Necessarily, such a

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The Work of the Juvenile Court

By Edward M. Leonard
Assistant District Attorney

EARLY in the growth of the Juvenile Court Law the Legislature deemed it advisable to provide punishment for those who contribute to the delinquency of minors. The section of the Juvenile Court Law providing such punishment has been added to at various sessions of the Legislature until now anyone who commits any act or omits the performance of any duty which act or omission causes, tends to cause, or encourages a person under the age of 21 years to become or to continue to be a delinquent, is guilty of a misdemeanor. The maximum punishment for such crime is two years imprisonment and a fine of $1000.

It is, therefore, apparent that the commission of almost any of the crimes against children defined as felonies in the Penal Code, would of necessity presuppose the commission of the crime of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

EDWARD M. LEONARD
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Most of the cases prosecuted by the District Attorney in the Juvenile Court are brought to light through the statements made by children who have been made wards of the Court by reason of their delinquency. A truthful statement by the alleged ward is the Probation Officer's starting point for the reconstruction and building up of character in the child.

The consideration of the child's statement by the District Attorney is most often a task most arduous. A person is to be charged upon the complaint of a child of causing, or at least fostering the delinquency of the child. While, in name, the crime is but a misdemeanor, in its analysis it is most heinous. Even the most hardened criminal is put to shame by so much as a charge of having robbed, or attempted to rob, a child of its outlook on life as a respected citizen, not to speak of the confusion which comes to a person charged with the unmentionable private sin which is usually disclosed by such a charge.

HENCE, the child's statement must be given the acid test as evidence; not the least discrepancy can be tolerated; motives must be studied and the whole surrounding (including neighborhood prejudices) considered to the end that no injustice be done by allowing a false charge to be made.

Many times, after a complaint has been verified and filed and an arrest made upon a warrant issued, at the preliminary hearing in the Superior Court the defendant freely confesses his guilt and presents a record of his conduct which shows that he is entitled to consideration at the hands of the Court. In such cases, upon a plea of guilty, the District Attorney usually recommends probation.

There are other cases where the evil tendencies of individuals toward children may be checked by a warning. This is done by calling all parties to the District Attorney's office at the Juvenile Court where they are very definitely informed as to the duty of the District Attorney should the evil practice continue. At these sessions the District Attorney hands out printed excerpts of the law and pamphlets which are edited by the state and the United States, with a view to detering evil practices which involve children.

In a cosmopolitan seaport city such as San Francisco, there are sure to be found individuals whose depravity leads them to be a menace to children. Such persons must be dealt with in a drastic manner, and to submit an innocent child, who has been brought within the toils of such a one, to public gaze or comment, is unthinkable. The Juvenile Court, in so far as the state and Federal Constitutions will permit, is conducted privately in a courtroom at the Juvenile Home. The District Attorney avoids publicity in this respect, and also avoids the open discussion or comment on individual cases, and thus avoids direct injury to the individual juvenile complaining witness.

The prosecution of one who contributes to the delinquency of a minor, is the prosecution of a criminal whose crime is that of creating, or at least attempting to create other criminals. One who habitually offends against children is in the business of disrupting homes as well as that of making criminals. In such cases vigorous prosecution must be had, and the District Attorney has the very important duty of prosecuting not only violations of the Juvenile Court Law, but all offenses discovered in the process of his investigation. If at the preliminary hearing on a complaint for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, the evidence discloses that other crimes have been committed, the information is filed charging the defendant with the commission of all crimes disclosed.

AMONG the duties of the District Attorney in the Juvenile Court is that of prosecuting for contempt of court those who fail to obey the Court's order to provide maintenance for their children who have been declared wards of the Court.

Therefore, it will be seen that the work of the District Attorney in the Juvenile Court is to prosecute those who in any manner cause or encourage delinquency of minors, to avoid the necessity of such prosecutions by a warning when such is possible, and to bring to account those who neglect their primary duty of supporting their offspring.

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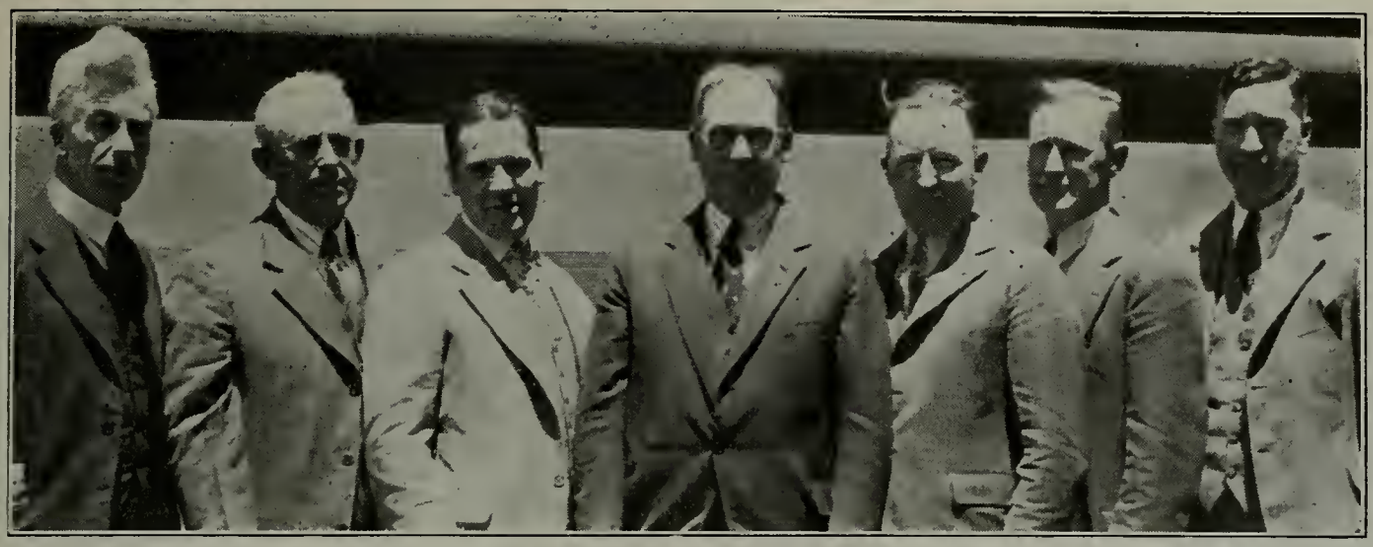

Left to right: *Martin Bruton, John J. Ward, Walter Schiller, William P. Golden, Paul Madden, Terence J. Boyle and Arthur Ohnimous.*

The Warrant and Bond Office

By WILLIAM GOLDEN
Assistant District Attorney

THE office of the Warrant and Bond Clerk is a bureau of the Legal Department of the City and County provided for in the Charter, which authorizes appointments to that office and designates its powers and duties.

Inasmuch as the District Attorney is authorized to appoint the Warrant and Bond Clerk and his assistants, the office for all practical purposes is a branch of the District Attorney's office.

The duties of the office set forth in the Charter are:

1. To draw complaints in all actions in the Police Court and to approve the same with his written signature. Aside from criminal prosecutions initiated by indictment by the Grand Jury, which are comparatively few in number, every other criminal action is begun by the filing of a complaint in the Police Court. The complaint is in affidavit form, setting forth in concise language a statement of the offense committed or complained of with such particiularities as to time and place as will properly acquaint the accused with the charge made against him. A warrant of arrest predicated upon the affidavit of complaint is also prepared by the warrant and bond office for issuance by a Police Judge except in those cases where an arrest may be made without a warrant, which applies to all felonies and to misdemeanor offenses committed in the presence of an officer or a citizen.

2. To issue bail bond and appeal bonds, approve and keep them in his custody in Police Court cases. The Warrant and Bond Clerk also accepts cash bail in all cases, both felonies and misdemeanors, where a hearing thereon is to be had in the Police Court. The money so received as bail must be accounted for and be paid to the Treasurer within twenty-four hours after its receipt. The amount of cash bail handled by the Warrant and Bond Office approximates a million dollars a year.

IN THE matter of fixing bail and ordering the release of prisoners the Warrant and Bond Clerk is subject to the Judges of the Police Court, but is authorized to fix bail in all misdemeanor cases where arrests are made without warrants. All releases for the discharge of prisoners upon the deposit of cash bail or the filing of bonds are made out by the Warrant and Bond Office and transmitted to the City Prison.

In addition to the powers and duties specifically set forth in the Charter, the office of the Warrant and Bond Clerk performs various other services which naturally attend or grow out of the exercise of the express statutory powers and duties. The office has become a sort of clearing house for troubles and complaints of every kind and character, which are referred to the department by the police or which reach the office through the direct application of the individual who seeks redress for a grievance either real or imagined.

To facilitate the work of investigating complaints and of determining whether or not Police Court action should be taken the District Attorney has instituted a system of sending a citation to the party complained of, where it is deemed advisable, stating that a complaint has been made against him and indicating a time when he may appear and be heard before any action is taken. Since District Attorney Brady has been in office about fifty thousand citations have been issued and heard. The system has been more than justified in finding that many complaints are ill founded and that a great many can be adjusted when both parties are brought together.

It may readily be seen that this practice greatly relieves the congestion that would otherwise result in the Police Court if such matters were sent there without such hearings. The office is a "Court of First Instance" so to speak, where property is restored, families reunited and friendships that have been severed by misunderstanding are renewed.

IN A great many cases where complaints are made to the Police Department and that department has any doubt as to the action to be taken or the proper procedure to be followed, the particular bureau, detective or officer having the matter in charge brings the

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State Sheriffs Welcomed to S. F.

By W. J. MARTENSON
Deputy Sheriff

THE Sheriffs' and Under Sheriffs' Association of California held its annual convention at the Whitcomb Hotel on June 8 and 9, which was attended by fifty Sheriffs and Under Sheriffs of this state. Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald of San Francisco, who was Chairman of the Convention, assisted by his Under Sheriff, E. Jack Spaulding, acted as hosts to the visiting delegates and royally entertained them while they were in our city.

DICK FITZGERALD

Many interesting subjects were brought before the convention, pertaining to civil matters of the Sheriff's office. A committee will be appointed to represent the Sheriffs of the state of California at the next session of the legislature, to aid in legislation pertaining to the civil work of their offices.

Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien addressed the convention on crime prevention, which was indeed an instructive talk.

Several firearm and gas companies exhibited guns and gas bombs for criminal use.

Roy Cox, Under Sheriff of Sacramento, was elected President for the coming year, and Roy Youngblood, Under Sheriff of Sacramento, was re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. The firm of Dinkelspiel and Dinkelspiel was again retained as attorneys for the Association. It was voted to hold the convention at Sacramento, at the Senator Hotel, in 1929.

After a most constructive two-day session, the Sheriff gave the visiting delegation a wonderful banquet on Saturday evening at the Whitcomb Hotel.

OFFICE NOTES

FRANK BURKE (Napoleon) was seen one weekend burning up the pavement between San Francisco and Santa Cruz in his new car. His expected promise of fish has never materialized.

Thomas Barrett has recently returned from his vacation spent touring Oregon and Washington, with a little sojourn to Canada for reasons best known to himself. Tommy enjoyed the scenery without the interruption of animated conversation, as Silent Keammerling did not accompany him this year.

It is rumored that Thomas Kelly, the sheik of Demontford Street, will appear at a local theater on amateur night in a dance act with a partner known as Helen Winter, accompanied by Senor Kasten at the piano.

George Dillon was greatly assisted in his strenuous duties during the month of June by the able assistance given him by Professor Koegel.

Willie Wolff, the great horticulturist, can be seen most any evening at Powell and Market streets selling roses grown in his own back yard (?)

Tommie Curran, who has charge of evictions and the levying of real estate and railroad company attachments in the Sheriff's office, has been greatly worried of late. His Ford runabout has lung trouble and the Health Department is threatening to put the poor little thing in quarantine.

DUTIES OF THE SHERIFF

THE office of Sheriff is one of great antiquity. At the opening of English legal history he appears as the governor of the shire, the captain of its forces, the president of its court; a distinctly royal officer appointed by the king, strictly accountable to the Exchequer.

The office was not hereditary at common law although it became so in a few counties. During the thirteenth century it was made elective, but in the year 1314 Parliament changed it to an appointive office.

At the present time in the United States, while a few of the states continue the practice of appointing Sheriffs, most of them have made the office elective.

The office of Sheriff is exclusively ministerial and he is liable for all damages caused by any wrongful act of his office.

Harlow on "Sheriffs and Constables" defines the general duties of the Sheriff as follows: The Sheriff must:—

Preserve the peace.

Arrest and take before the nearest magistrate for examination, all persons who attempt to commit or who have committed a public offense.

Prevent and suppress any affrays, breaches of the peace, riots and insurrections which may come to his knowledge.

Attend all superior courts held within his county and obey all lawful orders and directions of all courts held within his county.

Command the aid of as many male inhabitants of his county as he may think necessary in the execution of these duties.

Take charge of and keep the county jail and the prisoners therein.

Release on the record all attachments of real property when the attachment placed in his hand has been released or discharged.

Indorse, upon all process and notices, the year month, day, hour and minute of reception, and issue therefor to the person delivering it, on payment of fees, a certificate showing the names of the parties, title of paper, and time when received.

Serve all process and notices in the manner prescribed by law.

Certify under his hand upon process or notices the manner and time of service, or, if he fails to make service, the reasons of his failure, and return the same without delay.

To a certain extent the Sheriff is relieved of a part of his duties as a peace officer by the police in this and other municipalities, but he is not entirely superseded.

The Federal officer corresponding to the Sheriff is the United States Marshal.

Able Staff Aids District Attorney

HARMON SKILLIN
Assistant District Attorney
—Photo by St. Francis Studio

HENRY GOLDMAN
Chief Clerk, Dist. Att'y's Office
—Photo by Bushnell

EDDIE HEALY
Assistant Clerk

WILLIAM ZOCCHI
County Detective

IT HAS been characteristic of Judge Matthew Brady that he has selected for his assistants men of outstanding ability in the legal profession. Harmon D. Skillin, who represents the district attorney in Department Twelve of the Superior Court, needs no introduction to citizens of San Francisco. Possessed of fine personality, broad legal training and experience, quick and unerring in his decisions, District Attorney Skillin has handled the affairs of his office before the Superior Court in a manner creditable to his chief.

San Francisco is fortunate in having men of his high type in her employ.

A MAN is known by the friends he makes and keeps. And the friends of Henry Goldman, chief clerk in Judge Matthew Brady's office, are legion. Mr. Goldman was appointed to his present position when his chief was first elected, more than eight years ago, and during that long period the affairs of thousands have passed through his hands. Courteous, affable, with a pleasant personality, his kindly interest assist many who, for the first time, find themselves involved in the intricate processes of law, and furnishes a pleasant departure from an otherwise disagreeable experience.

Recently he was appointed a special police officer by the Board of Police Commissioners, and the silver star which constitutes his badge of office was pinned upon him by Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien himself. The initials engraved upon the badge are "H. G.", and his friends who know the quality of his work are emphatic in stating that they stand for "High Grade."

Henry Goldman is a friend to many and many are the friends of Henry Goldman.

ONE is apt to picture the office of the District Attorney as a sedate and dignified place, where smiles are frowned upon and a deep gloom pervades the surroundings. Perhaps it was with this in mind that Judge Brady selected Eddie Healy as assistant clerk, for there can be no funereal atmosphere where the smiling and jolly Eddie is to be found.

Eddie Healy and the South of Market Boys are synonymous. One of the guiding spirits of that well known organization, he brings its prestige to the office of the district attorney. While his duties are important and multifarious, he still finds time for a pleasant handshake and a cheery word of greeting for his friends who drop in from time to time.

Mr. Healy has more than a local reputation as an entertainer, and the demands for him along this line are great. The success of any party or social function is assured once it is announced that Eddie Healy will be present. The Municipal Employee wishes him joy and success on his present job.

NO RECORD of the affairs of the office of District Attorney Brady would be complete without mention of William G. Zocchi, better known to the many who like and respect him as Bill Zocchi, member of the detective bureau of the San Francisco police department, and assigned to the office of the district attorney.

Bill Zocchi has given nearly twenty years of faithful service to the people of San Francisco as a member of the police department. Joining the force in 1909 he was soon assigned to the traffic bureau where he served for nine years as a member of the motorcycle detail.

Various other assignments followed, including nearly five years at headquarters as dispatch rider for the chief of police. About a year ago he was given his present post in the county prosecutor's office. It is unnecessary to say that the qualities which have marked his work as a police officer during his previous service enable him to perform the duties of his present assignment with particular credit and thoroughness.

William Zocchi is the son of Louis P. Zocchi, former assemblyman, now in the office of the city recorder. That the name of Zocchi means service to the people of this city is further evidenced by the fact that Louis Zocchi has also given twenty years to his present position.

Angelo J. Rossi, former supervisor, is the foreman of the new Grand Jury, impanelled last month by Presiding Judge Walter Perry Johnson. Con Shea has been elected secretary.

Paul E. Madden, assistant district attorney, was busy last month receiving the congratulations of the office staff over the birth of a daughter, Virginia Ann.

City Honors Senator Phelan

WITH Nature's sublime scenery for a setting and the thundering roar of falling waters for orchestra, ceremonial exercises incidental to dedication of a plaque honoring Senator James D. Phelan took place on the O'Shaughnessy Dam on June 17. The tablet is set into the balustrade on the crest of the mighty concrete structure and is an appreciation of the timely services rendered the people of San Francisco by Senator Phelan in securing rights to the Hetch Hetchy site.

In 1901, when Senator Phelan was mayor of San Francisco, he recognized the importance of taking

Native Sons at Camp Margaret Maryland. Left to right, Supervisor Charles J. Powers, James A. Wilson and John T. Regan

the necessary legal steps to secure the water claims, and he filed as an individual upon the rights which he later turned over without charge to his native city. Then, as Senator, he fought long and effectively for the project against numerous enemies who were determined that San Francisco should not attain its object. These points and others were brought out by the several speakers who united in praising the unselfish devotion and tremendous labor which Senator Phelan displayed until the success of the project was attained.

FORMER Supervisor Lewis F. Byington, who as member of the official family had introduced and followed to a successful vote the resolution providing for the tablet, was master of ceremonies and principal speaker. Supervisor Charles J. Powers presided over the unveiling exercises, while Acting Mayor Franck R. Havenner and City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy also spoke. Acting Mayor Havenner, during the course of his remarks, called attention to the fact that those who had feared the dam would be an unsightly addition to the national park, were now loud in praise of the beautiful lake that had been created by its presence. "The hand of man has embellished the work of God," he declared.

City Engineer O'Shaughnessy was generous in his praise of all those who had contributed in any way towards the completion of the project.

"There is glory enough for all," he stated, calling particular attention to the fact that Mayor Rolph had aided in every way, and that he had never permitted politics to sway the work one iota.

Senator Phelan in his talk outlined the early history of the Hetch Hetchy water supply and presented a first hand view of the many and almost insurmountable difficulties that had beset the path.

The Grand Parlor, N. S. G. W., officiated at the dedication with the following grand officers participating: James G. Wilson, Grand President; Charles A. Thompson, Past Grand President; Lewis F. Byington, Past Grand President; Fletcher A. Cutler and Charles W. Decker, Past Grand Presidents; John T. Regan, Grand Secretary; Charles A. Koenig and Harmon D. Skillin, Grand Trustees, and Frank I. Gonzales, Grand Vice-President.

Senator Phelan is a member of the order as is also Supervisor Powers. Other Native Sons present, many of whom are prominent business men were:

James L. Foley, Joseph B. Keenan, William J. Hynes, Louis Nonnenmann, Eugene O'Donnell, M. J. McGovern, Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald, Adolph Eberhart, John H. Nelson, Joseph Rose, Frank Sorracco, Walter Bammann, Charles Steiger, Thomas Foley, Matthew P. Brady, C. C. Bossi, Charles O'Kane, Louis Erb, Frank Marston, Charles W. Fay, Irving O'Shea, Hugh Hannan, Arthur Shuck, Bud Anderson and Jesse Ayers.

A hundred or more watched the ceremonies, including members of the Board of Supervisors, city officials and Native Sons.

The tablet dedicated at the ceremonies reads as follows:

> "In appreciation of the timely services of U. S. Senator James D. Phelan, who as mayor of San Francisco made the first filings on the Tuolumne River for the benefit of his native city, June 1901, this tablet is gratefully placed by the people of San Francisco, June 17, 1928."

Guarding the City's Outpost

NEARLY two hundred miles from San Francisco, Aubrey L. Reid guards our farthest outpost. Mr. Reid is the official caretaker of the O'Shaughnessy Dam and, with his family, resides in a little valley within a stone's throw of the great concrete barrier. During the run of seasons every kind of weather is experienced, and part of the equipment consists of snowshoes to make the eight-mile trip to Mather when the roads are impassable otherwise. Telephonic communication with headquarters is established and a part of Mr. Reid's duty consists of regulating the flow of water over the dam to provide for the demands of the massive turbines at Moccasin Creek power house. Mr. Reid has spent many years of his life in following construction jobs in various parts of the world. Joining up with the work on the O'Shaughnessy Dam in its early stages he decided to stay with it and so is established by the structure he helped to build.

The Municipal Employee means much to Mr. Reid,

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Dedicating the Phelan Plaque

Grand Officers of the Native Sons who participated in the Ceremonies

Above, Franck Havenner, Charley Powers and Fred Meyer; below, Nelson Eckart caught in an unguarded moment.

Lewis F. Byington and the tablet he has just dedicated

Above, Senator Phelan and Acting Mayor Havenner in the center of a group of notables.

Right, City Engineer O'Shaughnessy delivering his address.

Walter Trefts, Dick Fitzgerald, Senator Phelan and Judge Cutler line up for the camera

Birthday Felicitations

I HAVE watched with much interest the progress and development of our city magazine during the past twelve months. That San Francisco needs an official publication is obvious. The Municipal Employee has so well fulfilled its purposes during its first year that I hasten to congratulate you and offer my sincere wishes for future success.

It is remarkable that in so short a time, you could develop the publication to cover so thoroughly the mulifarious activities of our city and county. That you are doing so speaks well for the public spirited citizens who, by their co-operation, make each issue possible.

Again let me offer you my congratulations and wish you every success in your great task of furnishing the publicity that every large corporation must have.

MAYOR JAMES ROLPH, JR.

The Municipal Employee has created a place for itself in our city affairs that would be hard to fill. I sincerely trust you will continue the good work during the coming years.

SHERIFF WILLIAM J. FITZGERALD

Accept please my best wishes on the completion of your first year as one of the publications of San Francisco. The success that has attended your first year was assured from the first day of that year, because The Municipal Employee fills a long-felt need in our civic life. A steady adherence in the future to the principals and policies you have espoused in the past guarantees that your first year is but the first step toward the accomplishment of the splendid purposes to which your publication is dedicated. And, again, best wishes.

ASSESSOR RUSSELL L. WOLDEN

I have watched with considerable interest the development of our publication, The Municipal Employee, during its first year. Now that it is entering upon its second year I wish to congratulate you all and to assure you that you merit the thanks of all good citizens for the work you are doing. We find the magazine of great value and interest and it means much to this department and its employees.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS J. H. ZEMANSKY

Congratulations on a successful first year. The Municipal Employee has made a place for itself in the city and country government and, as the mouthpiece of the city family, it can be looked upon as official and authentic. You have my best wishes for a successful future and you may count upon our co-operation in every way possible.

TAX COLLECTOR EDWARD F. BRYANT

Allow me to add my congratulations upon the fact that The Municipal Employee has rounded out a successful first year. Every member of the Department of Public Works can testify as to the value of our publication and we sincerely hope it will continue to fill the needs of the city and county as our publicity organ.

PRESIDENT TIMOTHY J. REARDON
Board of Public Works

My attention having been called to the fact that your anniversary number is about to go to press, I take pleasure in certifying my belief that your magazine has been a source of enlightenment and service, very beneficial to the adminstration of the city government departments and the municipal employees in general. Please accept my cordial congratulations on the success of your undertaking and I trust that the magazine launched so auspiciously last July will continue to thrive.

TREASURER JOHN H. THIELER

The Municipal Employee is looked upon by all of us with high regard and I wish every citizen could have the opportunity of reading each issue as do the city employees. There is no question but that it is adding to the efficiency of all and creating a family spirit of which we can be proud.

COMMISSIONER FREDERICK W. MEYER
Board of Public Works

On behalf of the San Francisco Public Schools I wish to extend birthday felicitations at the end of your first year of publication. During the year The Municipal Employee has been solidly established as a magazine of real worth. It makes a live appeal to the hundreds and thousands of our citizens who are immediately associated with the many projects of civic welfare in which the municipal government is engaged. By affording these city employees a direct means of informing themselves on points of common interest the magazine has performed a valuable service. May your second year be one of great prosperity.

CHIEF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS A. J. CLOUD

Magazine Boosts City

THE Travelers' Protective Association, with State Headquarters in San Francisco, is boosting San Francisco with a cover-page on its official magazine picturing "Golf at the Golden Gate." The circulation is 130,000 copies.

This association, which is composed of manufacturers and wholesalers in the mercantile world, was one of the organizations that helped put over the ten-day stopover privilege on all railroad tickets, and which permits thousands of travelers to spend several days in San Francisco at no extra expense on the railroad fare.

According to State Secretary-Treasurer Robert E. Pfaeffle of the Association, $5,000 worth of San Francisco Municipal Bonds are also carried on its books. Jack D. Gibson, managing editor of The Municipal Employee has been for many years a state director of the Travelers' Protective Association, as well as state chairman of the Civic Welfare Committee.

Our Feathered Jack Dempseys

By I. N. Doak
Journalism Student, Part Time High School

SOMETIMES it is hard to get along with human beings, but just ask Pat McHugh, custodian of the wild fowls at Stow Lake, how easy it is to get along with the birds.

"In my thirty years of service at the Golden Gate Park I have learned many valuable lessons from the birds," said McHugh.

A COLONY OF MUD-HENS AT GOLDEN GATE PARK

"It is surprising how much intelligence members of the feathered tribe exhibit. To watch the water fowls at Stow Lake one would think they actually had reasoning powers. Just watch the swans making love. They act very much like humans. They lay their heads on each other's shoulders and caress each other much as ardent wooers of the human family. But the one fowl that embodies more of the human characteristics than any other is the much misjudged and often despised mud-hen."

The mud-hen is a species of the American Coot, small in size and unattractive in color. It is a hybrid, the connecting link between the fowls of the land and air and those of the water. In other words when it comes to locomotion, the mud-hen is just as good on the land as land fowls and just as good in the water as waterfowls.

SOMEWHERE in the dim past the mud-hen decided it was tired of its then habitat and began to develop characteristics that would enable it to be perfectly at home on land or in water. The result was that the mud-hen has no web feet as have most aquatic fowls, but only a small web along the sides of each toe. This gives it swift locomotion in the water and enables it to travel with great speed on the land.

When the mud-hen is born it is red in color, and even though this changes, it continues to see red all through its natural life.

According to its size the mud-hen is the gamest and most persistent fighter of the aquatic tribe. It is not aggressive but when circumstances require it will not hesitate to attack birds fifteen and twenty times its own size. It is not uncommon to see a mud-hen attack a big black swan at Stow Lake and come out victorious.

When fighting with smaller fowls and those of its own species the mud-hen exhibits all the science and characteristics of a modern boxer, and the KO's marked up to its credit are many.

It rises in the water, leans backward, thrusts its feet in the air, and, with the tenacity of a "pug," punches and strikes just like a human boxer. All the time it is weaving and dodging from side to side, following the general style of Jack Dempsey. Fights of this nature have been known to run the limit and the K. O. to result in the actual death of the other mud-hen.

A hawk attacked one of McHugh's mud-hens on the bank of Stow Lake one day, and when it was about to get the best of the fight, the mud-hen managed to drag its opponent into the water. There the hawk had no chance whatever and was soon forced to release its hold.

OFTEN the greatest fighters show the greatest love; so it is with the mud-hen. In rearing its young the mud-hen exhibits more parental characteristics than any of the other aquatic fowls.

Unlike many birds the male helps to feed the young, and all during the day a constant watch and care is kept over them. This continues until the young ones have developed full plummage.

The most nearly human thing it does is shown in the feeding of its young. Often there are as many as seven or eight chicks in the broods, and when the mother takes them out for food she lines them all up in a row on the water. Then she dives down and brings up a worm and gives it to the one at the head of the line. This is repeated until all are fed.

Sometimes when the mother is under water one of the chicks slips out of place and goes up near the head of the line. When she comes up she invariably notices what has happened and proceeds to chastise the selfish one, often driving it from the "table" entirely.

THE writer accompanied McHugh as he made the rounds with dinner. As we approached one of the islands a big white gander came swimming up by the side of our boat, and when we stepped out the old fellow followed us and began to squawk as loudly as he could. He was right on our heels every move we made and continued to cry out, as though in much alarm. Finally McHugh explained, "He knows you are a stranger and don't belong on the island."

Stow Lake is maintained for the pleasure and enjoyment of the citizens of San Francisco as well as for the protection of the birds that make their homes there, and it is incredible to think that anyone would attempt to kill the birds. However, a constant watch must be maintained to keep persons from molesting the birds and their nests. To appreciate the love McHugh bears for his charges one should follow him some day as he strolls out through the park to secure a sweet morsel for the young swans.

Problems of Electrical Inspection

By HAROLD GERBER
Department of Electricity

IT IS a recognized fact that the era in which we are living is an electrical one. The rapid progress of civilization has been made possible by the advancement of the electrical industry as a whole.

Electricity has made possible the reduction of manpower for the performance of our everyday duties, those of pleasure and those of labor. The substitution of electrical power for manual labor in the factories of the United States has made possible the reasonable purchase price of all these electrical appliances that the average person may use to make his life's work more pleasant and less tiresome.

The rapid development of hydro-electric energy in California is affording the people of this state a reasonable cost per kilowatt hour of energy used.

These many conditions have made the home, the office, the factory, and outside work a ready market for electrical conveniences.

The newly constructed office building, home or factory has been designed and equipped with an adequate wiring system to provide for all necessary electrical apparatus. Electrical progress is so rapid, however, that in a very short time additional electrical machinery or appliances are designed to further factory or residential conveniences, and the addition of these appliances to the wiring system overloads the original wiring installation.

This is one of the many problems that must be solved by the Inspection Department of the Department of Electricity. There can be no set rule as a guide, as each installation must be thoroughly studied, —the nature of the electrical load, the class of industry, and other conditions to be taken into consideration— before a decision is made as to whether a diversity factor may be applied to the installation, or additional wiring be installed.

The Inspection Department is interested not only from the standpoint of fire hazards, but in any condition that would be detrimental to both life and property. The Board of Fire Underwriters approves all electrical apparatus that is to be installed, but this approval only applies to the individual unit. The laboratory test is satisfactory only as a laboratory test. The installation factor is the one to be considered by the inspectors. Quite often an approved appliance is installed in such a manner as to create a life or fire hazard. It is the inspection service that corrects these conditions.

Rules and ordinances are made to care for present conditions. The rapid development of the electrical industry, the many new appliances that are put on the market have presented many new problems. Old equipment has been replaced by new equipment that performs the same operation, but with greater efficiency, both in input and output. New equipment, more protective methods, etc., cause an ever changing condition in our electrical code and wiring rules. Each condition and advancement must be thoroughly studied and the rules amended to take care of this advancement. These conditions will always be ours, for where there is progress there are changes.

The problems of residential work are numerous but the greatest problems are presented in the office and industrial applications of electrical conditions. After a residence is built very few changes are made. In the office or factory, the building and conditions are altered to suit the advancement of progress.

The large industrial installations using electricity for light, motor power, heat, welding, baking, electrolytic and numerous other purposes, working at voltages between the ranges of six and fifteen thousand, present many a problem that must be solved by the Inspection Department.

It is the duty of this department to rule on these conditions within a very short period of time. The engineer, in charge of the installation, may have spent considerable time in making a detailed set of plans for the job. The inspector, after inspecting these plans, is able to correct any condition that he thinks is not in accordance with local requirements. It is the technical knowledge of the electrical industry, as a whole, coupled with practical knowledge of electrical construction that tends to uphold the standards created by this department of our city government.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY

By Joseph Murphy

NOW that the picnic is over, the boys have their minds centered on some mountain stream, counting the days until they can cast the fly.

O. K. Jones was missed from the office for two weeks. He is the official florist for the Beau Brummels of the department. Any morning you may see them all with boutonieres. Ask them and they will tell you, "O. K.'s garden." He spent two weeks in Yosemite and tried to bring home a bear for a pet, but it was going to be a case of too much hugging, so he gave it up.

Fred Desmond was also away on his vacation, but he would not say where. He came back all smiles and told the boys to "sit tight." You know he is a stockholder in B. I. C. So he may have been very busy that week.

Morris Levy is going to Camp Mather on July 8. Joe Roney, the batteryman from the Fire Alarm office and Anna Creely, the telephone operator from the same place, are both going. How about that, Joe? The writer is going himself about that time, so he may be able to tell you more about it.

Jack Harrold, our clerk, is still seriously ill.

Bill Pennycook leaves on July 9 on a trek up north. We will expect to see another picture like the one that is to be seen in the circular of the Playground Commission advertising Camp Mather. That is all it will be, a picture. He carries a lot of poles because the fish are so large where he goes that they break his pole. The next issue will give an account of his exploits.

Mills Field Municipal Airport has been chosen as the northern terminus of the Western Air Express which opened a San Francisco-Los Angeles service on May 26.

Fitting Modern Traffic to A City's Streets

By RALPH W. ROBINSON
Executive Secretary
San Francisco Traffic Survey Committee

THE San Francisco Traffic Survey Committee is a non-political "citizens' committee"; its activities are entirely financed by private subscription; and with its advisory council, consisting of sixty-one members, it is thoroughly representative of the major business interests most concerned with the street traffic problem. The committee was appointed by His Honor, Mayor Rolph, early in 1926, "in the hope of evolving constructive suggestions and thus bringing about improved street traffic control in San Francisco."

At the outset it was realized that exhaustive, expert investigation was needed to aid in clearing up the intolerable condition of street traffic congestion and hazards. The first object of the committee was to bring about improved regulation of traffic upon the present street system. Dr. Miller McClintock, director of the Erskine Bureau for Street Traffic Research at Harvard University, and an outstanding figure in matters of traffic regulation, was retained to make a complete study and report on the problem of traffic control.

McClintock's report, which followed one year's engineering survey of traffic, has met with unanimous approval, and the city authorities have officially adopted his new plan of traffic control and have enacted the revised traffic ordinance. Many phases of his recommendations have already been made effective.

SOME of the most important provisions of the ordinance cannot be enforced, however, until the complete system of control as designed has been installed. There are many matters respecting the installation of signals, signs and street markings; the enforcement of traffic law; dealing with traffic violators, and administrative organization for the handling of future traffic problems, recommended by McClintock, which will place new responsibilities upon various municipal departments.

Realizing that a new system of this kind involves many adjustments of former practices, both in the official activities of the city and in the operations of business enterprises, the survey committee, representing the business interests of the community, desires to co-operate with the city officials in working out these details. The committee has retained its technical staff for another year, in order to assist in a practical way in the institution of the new system.

THE committee believes that the securing of traffic fluidity, by means of regulatory and minor physical improvements, is only the first step in gaining

HARLAND BATHOLOMEW

traffic relief. It is realized that the ultimate solution of street and highway congestion is to be found in the creation of more ample and better arranged street area.

As a definite step toward securing such street area, the committee has retained Harland Bartholomew, the eminent city planner, to undertake a year's study of the street system of San Francisco, in co-operation with the responsible city authorities and others concerned, with a view of submitting a report and recommendations for a major traffic street plan.

This plan will be based upon an extensive research of the facts which have a basic or fundamental bearing upon the growth and movement of street traffic.

Among the matters to be considered by Bartholomew and his technical staff will be:

1 The character and extent of the city's past and future growth, as influenced by its unique topography; population to be anticipated in present and future occupied areas.

2 Present and future area of the central business district and other business districts; the relation of street width to intensity of building development.

3 Analysis of movement of trucks, passenger automobiles, street cars and busses.

4 Compilation and study of data respecting street grades, widths, character of pavement, principal traveled streets, property values.

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The Gang Pays Tribute to Bennie

Today's Scripture Text
SAY WHEN

The Benedictine

—WEATHER—
ROUGH!

Publisher, WALTER GAINES SWANSON and STAFF *and How!!*

VOL. I NO. 1 SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1928 5c or What Have You!

FRIENDS OVERWHELM BILL BENEDICT IN GREAT KNIFE AND FORK FESTIVAL WHILE C. of C. CHIEFS CALL POLICE

Mob Angered by Benedict's Departure Devour Fried Chicken

While the riot and shotgun squads of the police department hammered on the door and begged to be let in, a gang of well known citizens this evening made the night horrible with knife and fork fights, speech-making tournaments, vocal clashes in honor of William F. Benedict, retiring secretary to Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and ingoing comptroller of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Investigations of the outbreak which occurred in the Hotel Mark Hopkins have been launched by Police Chief O'Brien, Prohibition Administrator, Humane Society, Chief Stop-and-Go Wiley, Sheriff Fitzgerald, Toy Lowe of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Ed Rainey, Irate Coburn, Fred Meyers, Barney Google and this here now grand jury.

Jimmy O'Day at Central Emergency Hospital reported 10 half shot, 8 alcoholisms of the arms and legs and 4 cases of first degree tonsil burns . . . the old burned districts.

Everything was peaceful and well-ordered, it appears from Detective Sergeant Leo Bunner's report, until Ray Stephens attempted to submit a report of the finance committee. Stephens is still missing, according to the latest bulletin published by Sunset-Parkside District Intoxicated.

PROGRAM

"Smiles".....En masse
Opening Hymn

"She Was Only a Grocetyman's Daughter, But She Knew Her Onions".....Fred Meyers
Solo

"The Great Divide".....Judah Street Improvement Association
Chorus

Introduction of Al Smith.....Tim Reardon

Oh Where, Oh Where Has My $10.000 Gone?".....Bill Hines
Blues Song

Oh, How I Miss You.....Ed Rainey
Blues Song

It's Papa Time in Chinatown.....Toy Kay Lowe
Love Song

Stop and Go . . . to Hell.....Chief Ralph Wiley
Recitation

"Brown October Ale".....Virgie Catching
Base, Low Solo

"Abide With Me".....Dick Fitzgerald
County Jail Lullaby

"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star".....Jack Spaulding
Recitation

"Yes, We Have No Jobs Today.....Sid Hester

"It's Hard to Be a Nice Girl Up in the Air".....Ernie Smith

"I Hear Mr. Fowler Calling Me".....Lewis Haas
Solo

"I Have You in the End".....Fred Suhr
Solo

JUST FILLER

Bennie is getting quite a bay window.

Ira Coburn is having a devil of a time trying to find a place to hold the annual Jesters' dinner since the Mandarin closed for redecoration.

"Skoal!"

Ralph Wiley is a bearcat at the wheel and says he hasn't killed a white man yet.

Has anyone seen the shining star which Chief O'Brien presented to Bennie. It shines like Jack Spaulding's.

Ken Smitten, vice president of Sunset-Parkside, is now also chairman of the aviation committee of the Real Estate Board, whatever that is. He is asking all subdividers to donate unsold lots for aviation fields.

Hugh McKevitt, Bill Symon et al, are following Ira Coburn around trying to find where the Jesters are going to eat.

Billy Sherman says Pat Meherin's only claim to fame is that he is Eleanor Meherin's brother.

Don't mind Ray Stephens, he just arrived from the Sunset-Parkside district and has his shoes full of sand.

Toy Kay Lowe has just had a litter of police pups. He is resting easy.

Emil Gerlach says that Bank of Italy is a better buy today than it was a month ago.

THE TYPE FACE USED ON THIS ISSUE IS MERGENTHALER "BENEDICTINE."

Chamber to be Congratulated on Benedict Appointment

When the news of the appointment of William F. Benedict, secretary to Mayor Rolph, as assistant manager and comptroller of the Chamber of Commerce, was released, business men, city officials and citizens of all classifications expressed their belief that the Chamber had made an exceptionally wise move.

Benedict's years of service in the office of "The Champion Mayor of the United States" together with his editorial experience on the San Francisco *Chronicle* and other papers, make him well fitted for the post he has taken. Phillip Fay, Robert Newton Lynch and the others who counselled the selection of Benedict to fill the post vacated on the resignation of Lewis Haas, have been congratulated repeatedly for their judgment.

While his associates at the City Hall feel keenly his loss yet they are unanimously of the opinion that he has stepped into a job in which he can utilize his full capabilities.

While Benedict is in no sense a politician, his management ability which was demonstrated in the last mayoralty campaign, has been proven in an acid test and should serve him well as he administers affairs of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber won many friends when it took over Bennie Benedict.

Best wishes to Benedict from BECK-GERLACH PRINTING CO., Inc.

Mayor's Secretary in New Job

THE Municipal Employee, representing the personnel of the San Francisco city government, congratulates the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce on the appointment of William F. Benedict as assistant manager and comptroller of the chamber.

WILLIAM F. BENEDICT
—Photo by Holly Todd

But with our sincere expression of felicitation, there is a keen feeling of loss, for Mr. Benedict, as secretary to Mayor James Rolph, Jr., was known and loved throughout the municipal departments. We never referred to him as Mr. Benedict—he was too intimately attached to the problems of the municipal employee. To us, he was and will always be, "Bennie" Benedict.

Benedict had his early training in the newspaper profession. He came from the middle west and became a reporter on the staff of the Chronicle when he was little more than a youth. His ability asserted itself early and he was a newspaper man of standing, when, more than a decade ago, Mayor Rolph appointed him assistant secretary in the Mayor's office. Here he was assistant to Ed. Rainey, likewise a newspaper man, coming from the staff of the Examiner. The combination of the Mayor, Ed. Rainey, "Bennie" Benedict and their capable staff of attaches, made of the office a happy family, ever working for the good of their city. What citizen has not had the pleasure of meeting Miss Coombs, Rose Button, Christine Elder, Len Harris, Tom Walsh, Tom Daly and Walter Felix.

It is rare in political life that such a condition of complete harmony and efficiency in the spirit of public service prevails. It is typical of the spirit of San Francisco, which is exemplified by our municipal employees from top to bottom—courtesy and public service have been the ideals.

The honor that has been given to "Bennie" Benedict is an honor to every municipal employee, for it proves beyond question that business men have come to regard with respect the efficiency of the men who are the motive power of our municipal government.

Scores of friends celebrated the new appointment and sought surcease for their regret at Bennie's departure from the ranks of city hall workers when they gathered at a down-town restaurant on the night of June 23, and put on a monster "knife and fork festival."

To add to the gayety of the occasion Walter Swanson put out the first issue of a new and original publication, "The Benedictine," of which a facsimile is produced on the opposite page. Although informality ruled the day, or evening, many of those present proved utterly unable to restrain themselves from giving vent to a few well-chosen remarks in which they paid high compliment to Bennie and wished him well in his new job.

The Municipal Employee congratulates the Chamber of Commerce!

The Bureau of Engineering

By C. H. STERN

SINCE the passage of the boulevard bonds this department is busy putting the final touches on the various projects that were purely visionary only a few months ago even to the most hopeful. However the office is now experiencing perhaps the busiest time it has ever known and it is only a matter of a short time before the people will be enjoying the benefits of a boulevard system comparable to any in the country.

Too often we accept the finished product without a thought of the various steps that were necessary to bring to a successful conclusion the vast improvements which we all enjoy. Without going into detail we think it would be interesting to the outsider to take a peek into what goes on before he or she is allowed to enjoy, let us say, one of the new boulevards.

First we have a preliminary location of the route. This is followed by a preliminary survey. After this comes an adjusted route which takes advantage of all local conditions along the proposed boulevard. We then have a survey which embraces, besides the revised alignment, all improvements, topography, etc., which are required in the preparation of the final plans.

The exact location having been determined, it is then necessary to furnish the right-of-way department with the descriptions of the many parcels of private property to be acquired. At the same time final plans and estimates are prepared so that the contractors may bid on the project. Previous to the award of the contract to the successful bidder the final survey has been completed so that the contractor who does receive the work can start actual construction without delay.

This is the course pursued on most of the many projects under the direction of the City Engineer and it is due to a co-ordination of the work of the various departments that there is a minimum of wasted time between the thought and the finished product.

Supervisor Milo F. Kent, chairman of the Airport Committee of the Board of Supervisors, has announced the appointment of Dr. Clarence Potter, well known local physician, as official flight surgeon at Mills Field.

Reviews of Current Books

Responding to numerous requests from our readers, THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE, *with this issue, institutes a department of book reviews. Arrangements have been made with several well known members of San Francisco's educational staff, and others in positions of responsibility, to review such books as particularly pertain to their departments and interests. As the new department develops from month to month, comments, opinions and suggestions from our readers will be appreciated.*

The Stump Farm, a Chronicle of Pioneering. By Hilda Rose. Foreword by Samuel A. Eliot, D. D. LL.D. Illustrated. (Boston; Little, Brown & Co. $2.00 net). A woman, tiny and frail but indomitable in will has written some letters which, after a few had been published in the Atlantic Monthly, aroused a response nation-wide and seldom equaled in the experience of the editors.

The Republican Party; A History. By William Starr Myers. Illustrated. (New York; The Century Company, $4.00). A spirited story of the high spots in the history of the Republican party, its triumphs and failures, its great campaigns and inner workings and the ambitions and achievements of its outstanding leaders.

Government and Business. By Earl Willis Crecraft. (World Book Company, New York, Chicago). In government and business the author points out and elucidates the multifarious relationships between modern government and modern business; points out dangers and advantages; shows the way to a more intensive study of a vastly important subject; and contributes a timely volume to the publisher's list of "Books that apply to the world's knowledge to the world's needs."

Meat. A novel by Wilbur Daniel Steele. (Harper & Brothers, New York). Should the world be made safe for the weak at the expense of the strong? Into the writing of this amazing novel Mr. Steele has put all the power and tenseness that have brought him world-wide fame as one of the first of our American writers. Dealing as it does, in an entirely new way, with a problem that is driving people today into two hostile camps, *Meat* has become the storm center of discussion and controversy.

Science and History. A new view of history. By A. L. Rowse. One of the New Science series. (W. W. Norton & Co. Inc., New York, $1.00). Which is the more characteristic of the modern intellectual attitude, the scientific or the historical outlook? We are accustomed to regard science as the main achievement of modern thought and to think that it is the scientific way of looking at things which distinguishes us from previous ages. This book shows that the historical outlook differentiates the modern mind from the mind of past ages just as much as the scientific, and presents a new view of history as seen from present tendencies in the writing of it.

History of Modern Philosophy. By Horatio W. Dresser, Ph.D. (Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York, $3.00 net). Dr. Dresser has here performed the same fine service for students that he accomplished in his former work on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. That informing work gave a survey of philosophical thought for some two thousand years, from the sixth century before Christ well on into the Middle Ages. The present book carries the reader from that point to leading tendencies of modern thought. In brief, this work will place before the student and reader an excellent perspective of the whole range of philosophic thought from medieval times until the present day. It marks the transition between the older schools, based as they were upon differing world conditions, and modern civilization, which is necessarily more materialistic. And yet, as Dr. Dresser points out, the trend of thought remains essentially the same. Time shows that from diverging systems have come a surprising number of conceptions essential to a world-view. Hence modern thought constantly reminds us of contributions made long ago by the ancient Greeks.

Animal Biology. By J. B. S. Haldane, M. A. and Julian Huxley, M. A. Illustrated. (Oxford University Press, New York. Net $2.50). The demand of an intelligent general public for knowledge of how an amimal or a human being works has never been greater than at the moment. It is very certain that no stronger combination than Mr. Haldane and Mr. Huxley could have been found. Their names are household words in the field of Biology. The result is a fascinating volume.

Napoleon, The Man. By R. McNair Wilson. Illustrated. (The Century Co. New York, $5.00). This new life of Napoleon presents the man in quite a different aspect than that revealed by Emil Ludwig and Dr. Holland Rose. Dr. Wilson analyses Napoleon's ideas in a new light and traces down some of their surprising consequences to very recent times. His object is to show that Napoleon's idea was the maintenance of democracy and peace, and that it was only when England refused his overtures that he turned to war and conquests. He maintains that this was the direct cause of the ultimate rise to power of German militarism and of the Great War; that many of the provisions of the treaty of Versailles were anticipated by Napoleon, and that King Edward VII was following in the footsteps of the Emperor when he broke with the traditions of his family and accepted for himself a new conception of kingship, based on the idea of the sovereignty of the people, and thus led to the salvation of democracy. We believe that in this volume Dr. Wilson makes an important and enduring contribution to the ever growing Napoleanic literature.

Philosophy. By Bertrand Russell. (W. W. Norton & Co., Inc., New York. $3.00). During the present century science has completely changed the picture of the world which it offers for our acceptance and in this book the new world is presented in simple language. Bertrand Russell endeavors to show the sort of world it is in which we really live and how it differs from the world in which we seem to live. It is a brilliant book by a brilliant writer yet the text is simple and understandable so that those untrained in philosophical thought may read and enjoy.

Of Interest to Women

By Anita Day Hubbard

JULY, and the Fourth just past, and vacation time at its merriest, and good, grey San Francisco presenting a really delightful place to play in, as well as work, if you but know the dear old town.

With the Summer Symphony series moving along in interesting variety, with Sir Albert Coates, Bernardino Molinari and Ossip Gabrilowitsch bringing their world famous batons to our own San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, with exciting results for the music lovers, one has a musical background for the summer that the most exacting must relish.

Victor Lichtenstein, one of the ablest of our musical cognoscenti, is giving a series of talks preceding the symphonies, analyzing their programs and giving both the student of music and the music lover confronted with new or unheard of music, a rare chance to prepare himself for the concerts. Of course you know that the concerts are being held in the new Dreamland Pavilion, and that Maestro Lichtenstein is speaking at the Western Women's Club on the mornings of the dates of the concerts. The lectures begin at 11 o'clock.

From the massive dignity of the symphony to the intimate puppet shows that Blanding Sloan is putting on in his tiny theatre at 718 Montgomery Street merely demonstrates that San Francisco can produce almost anything you like. The Jack Ford guignols, hand puppets appearing in two satirical comedies adapted from the Arabian Nights' Tales, are playing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoons for two weeks beginning July 5. A much more ambitious project is the production of Eugene O'Neill's "Emperor Jones" that ominous saga of the tom toms, with Blanding Sloan's puppet actors. The Emperor will strut the boards later on.

That magician of the piano, Brailowsky will come here again this season, as will Roland Hayes, the negro tenor, the Dudley Buck octet, the Ito Dancers, Albert Spaulding, Kathryn Meisle, the London String quartet, Carmella Ponselle, Reginald Werenrath, and Richard Bonelli. That protean teno-baritone, Louis Graveure, spectacular artist and teacher, will be here on July 23 to give local students the benefit of his master classes in all the various phases of singing. He recently achieved front page publicity in the metropolitan newspapers by cutting off his flowing beard and changing his voice from baritone to tenor.

This is only a little foretaste of what the later months will have to offer. The Summer Symphonies are with us and well worth while indeed.

THIS is a good time to gather the children together, or to go by one's self, on a pilgrimage of the art galleries in town. There is always a good standing show at the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, and at the Legion of Honor Palace, as well as the Beaux Arts Gallery and the East West Gallery in the Western Women's Club.

If the weather maintains its charm, any excuse to be out of doors should be accepted, and far be it from me to suggest that the study of art in the museums could be more beneficial than a trip to Fleishhacker Pool or the ocean beach, whether one goes to swim or to contemplate the charm of youthful mermaids cleaving the green waters.

However if you are spending your vacation in town, act as though you were in a strange city, determined to see all the places you've heard about and been too busy to go to before. Every now and then some friend of mine arrives full of enthusiasm and guide book information and introduces me to some feature of my beloved old town that I have never heard of. The San Franciscan, like every other cosmopolitan is likely to get into a certain "beat" which he never leaves, going over the same ground day after day, while interesting sights are just around the corner. A consistent tour of our foreign quarters, all of them fascinating would well be worth a good bit of strolling and loitering on a summer's morning.

The automobile is a blessing if one is to go distances, but it has shut out many of the close at home charms from its passengers. It is only on foot that one may catch the true values of any human picture. Try using your feet a little during your summer stay in town, and you will be just as much benefitted as though you had hiked the same distance in the mountains. If you must ride, take your car to the tops of our city hills, romantic Telegraph, remotely genteel and quiet Russian, the Greek dignity of Lincoln Park, the sad elegaic of Lone Mountain and the wooded charm of Buena Vista. Around Parnassus with the queer statue that is supposed to represent Liberty, and which might or might not represent anything in the wide world, one may drive on a well graded street, and over Dolores Street, with the palm studded parks in the center of the street.

Have you ever marked the decades in the architecture of the city streets? To the trained eye is apparent the mill work of the sixties supplanting the hand-hewn trimmings of the buildings of earlier days, the coming of the hollow wooden pillar of much promise and little fulfillment, and all the other frightfulness that our precious and home-sick forbears tried to create out of wood, instead of the stone that had furnished the material for the originals, when San Francisco was first built. You can tell, if you know your eastern

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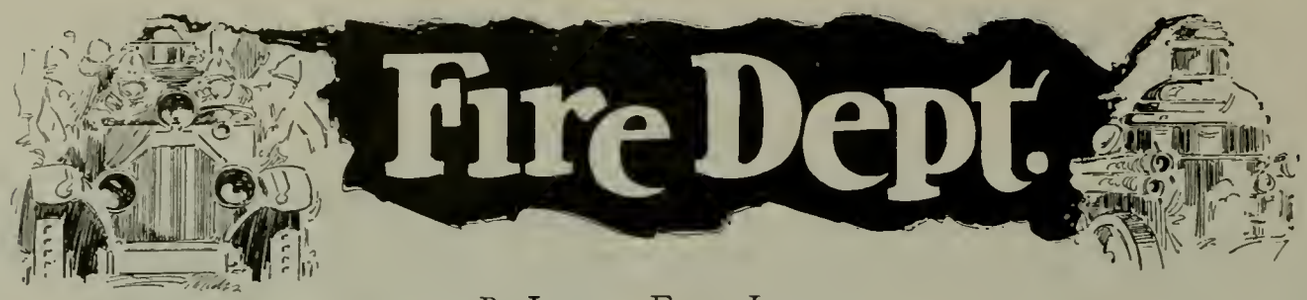
Les Silhouettes

THE sea is flecked with bars of grey,
The dull, dead wind is out of tune,
And like a withered leaf the moon
Is blown across the stormy bay.

Etched clear upon the pallid sand
Lies the black boat; a sailor boy
Clambers aboard in careless joy
With laughing face and gleaming hand.

And overhead the curlews cry,
Where through the dusky upland grass
The young brown-throated reapers pass
Like silhouettes against the sky.

—Oscar Wilde.



By LIEUT. FRED JONES

WELL, the fog cleared away one night this month out by 47 Engine and they actually saw the ocean. Some one pulled a still alarm and they thought it was a flood.

Our old friend, Samuel Rainey, saw the big full moon for the first time in so long a while he was surprised and walked into one of Dan Cupid's arrows. His lady love laid him low with the old word, "Yes," and he is now on Honeymoon Trail. Best of luck from all the boys, Sam.

It's funny how some of the boys hit the ball while others just hit the ground. There's "Legs" Bradley of Truck 4 with Pacific Avenue ideas, riding around in a fine Hudson, while his old friend, Tommy Hayes, of Chemical 4 of newspaper fame and Geary Street ideas, is rolling along in his slightly used "Ford."

We received a very startling report from the Harbor Emergency Hospital one day during the past month, and thought we would have our friend, Jack Woodman, on Dr. Lagan's list. After satisfying the "inner man" poor Jack was cleaning up when something happened. He tried to explain that his tonsils dropped from their usual "hangars." When taken to the hospital his pulse registered almost the price of his Bancitaly stock when the "bears" are absent. Anyway, Jack is still trying to restore the color to his cheeks.

Finkeldy of Engine 15, better known as the "Ham and Egg" kid, is figuring on opening a sandwich shop. Is it possible that all your company enjoy those delicious sandwiches?

Captain Collins of Engine 46 has been seen very often of late in the vicinity of Engine 43. Has she moved, Jerry?

Gavin of Engine 10 has some radio set, when it's working. Ever try buying new tubes, Ray?

Lieutenant Conrad McTernan of Engine 11 returned recently from a trip into the Yosemite Valley. Conny claims that "Aspiration Point" is certainly a beautiful spot.

Lloyd Dornell, the hay merchant of Water Tower 2, was recently seen strolling around Golden Gate Park beating a drum. Looks like a candidate for the Salvation Army band.

Frank Rose, the handsome "shiek" of Engine 48, has finally taken the fatal leap. Good luck, Frank, but be careful mama doesn't see that picture in Everybody's Drug Store at Twenty-second and Mission streets.

Believe it or not, but Owen McNulty of Engine 16 made a trip to Daly City in one hour and fifty minutes. The trip was made with the famous Star sealed in high gear.

Jimmy Atkins, the ex-sheep herder of Engine 25, is trying to locate the culprit who notified his wife that the house dues were cut down. Why not try the extra watch gag, Jim?

Larry Finnegan, the chef of Rescue Squad 1, will attempt a non-stop flight to Fleishhacker Pool in his 1906 Stephens Duryea. Good luck, Bones, you might have the laugh on McAtee yet.

After trying everything imaginable to reduce his weight, McDevitt of Engine 7 found to his surprise one bright, sunny day during the past month that he had lost thirteen pounds. You know the old saying, Mac; blame it on Bancitaly.

Bramlett of Operators fame and his famous Studebaker were towed from Crystal Springs by McDonald of Engine 20 and his "slightly" used Ford.

"For Sale." A beautiful radio set, practically new. Apply to Engine 48. The boys hate to part with it, but claim they have no further use for it, since "Bubbles" Pengel joined the company.

Howe of Engine 7 is touring the upper end of the state on his vacation. Before he left the boys of the company presented him with a chisel and hammer. No doubt he has used both overtime by now.

Captain Brophy of Chemical 2 was seen sporting a new Buick of late. Was it Bancitaly, John?

Chicago Frank O'Brien is thinking of hiring some of his boy friends from Chicago to greet A. P. Giannini on his return to the city.

Engine 3 has added the names of Mickey Welsh and Ed Laherty to the fast-growing "A. C." club of the Fire Department.

Dan Paulson does not play the stock market. Dan claims it is not necessary, as he is the "Cook" of truck 3.

Willie Morrison of water front fame is now enjoying his vacation up in the Yosemite Valley. It is rumored that Will purchased a set of golf knickers.

Jerry Smith of Engine 21 has been devoting considerable time of late to the raising of "Pollywogs." What is the big idea, Jerry?

All you wood choppers take notice. If A can cut a cord of wood in one-half a day, B in two-thirds of a day, C in one and one-half days and D in one and one-third days, in what time will the cord be cut if all work together

Captain Smith of Engine 29 is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation touring the northern part of the state. Bill had plenty of maps to guide him, but he left them home.

Captain Linnehan of Engine 22 is also back on the job after touring in the south. Guess the old fog was welcome at that.

FIRST FLIGHT FETE

Several thousand San Franciscans made their initial air flights on June 16 and 17 at the "first flight fete" held at the Mills Field Municipal Airport. In order to make the public better acquainted with the experience of flying the licensed pilots at the field took up the novitiates at reduced prices.

IN ANY police department popularity contest candidates would have to go some to beat our Traffic Officer John J. Kelley. In his district south of Market Street from Third to Seventh streets, both he and his horse, Pedro, are familiar figures to thousands who will bear witness to their courtesy.

Pedro has been on the beat for years and knows every foot of it as well as his master. As Kelley says, "Pedro can do everything on the beat except write out a tag."

Officer Kelley joined the police force in 1922, being assigned to the Park Station. He has a natural bent for entertaining and was soon a member of the original police quartet. Since that time he has demonstrated his ability at all of the police functions and in numerous appearances over the radio.

The daily papers recently carried the story of an important arrest made by Officer Kelley when he captured a drunken speeder who had endangered the lives of hundreds as he sped down Fifth Street, hitting several automobiles. This is but one of several instances of good work on Kelley's part, and his many friends wish him every success.

Traffic Officer John J. Kelley and Pedro

THE forces of law and order were well represented at the dedication exercises of the Senator James D. Phelan tablet at the O'Shaughnessy Dam on June 17. Not only were judges, representatives of the district attorney's office and the Sheriff, himself, present, but also six of San Francisco's finest accompanied the party and proved to be very versatile and indispensable. Under the leadership of Sergeant Edward Lynch, they guaranteed safe transportation of the throng, lent protection against physical and moral attack, but even on occasion added a philosophical touch to the conversations when such a touch was badly needed. The Municipal Employee cameraman was able to snap their picture as they gathered to discuss plans for additional protection needed for their distinguished charges. All are well known, well liked, distinguished for meritorious conduct, and well fitted for the special duties to which they are assigned.

SAN FRANCISCO is giving every motorist a chance to get his brakes tested free of charge. Official police brake-testing stations have been established at several convenient locations and officers of the traffic department are assigned for duty at these points and gladly co-operate with the motorist to determine the exact condition of his brakes.

All this is part of the voluntary city-wide brake-testing campaign recently inaugurated by Chief of Police D. J. O'Brien, as a feature of the summer cam-

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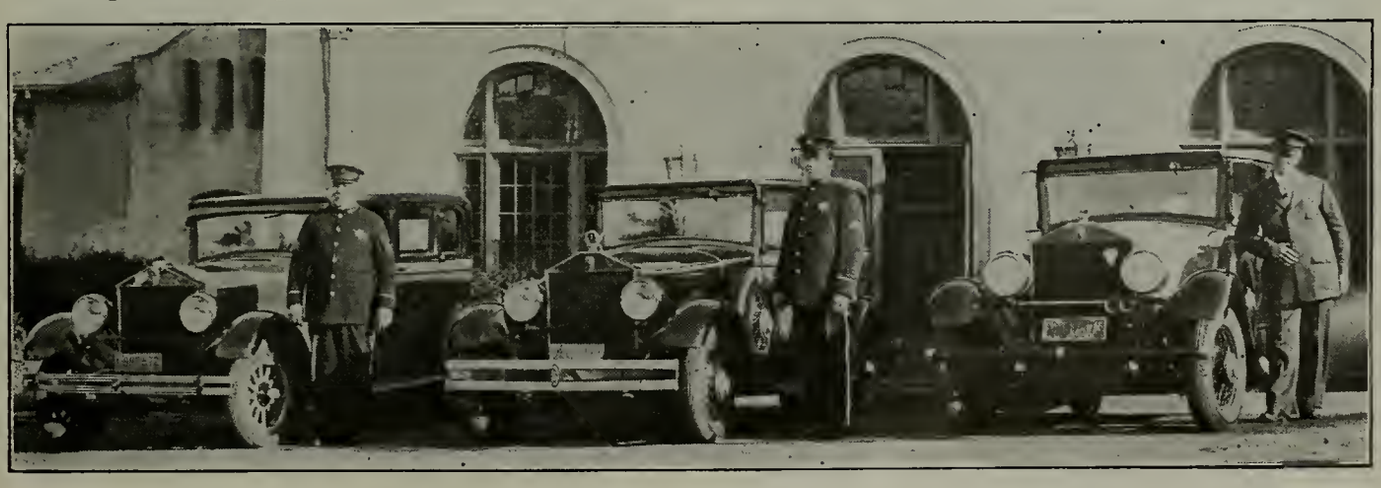

Sergeant Frank Teutenberg, Corporal Thomas Feeney and Patrol Driver Charles Smith line up their new Elcars in front of the Ingleside Station

A Bank of Culture

By David Greenhood
University of California Extension Lecturer on Fine Printing

A CITY may boast of its imposing buildings and well-kept parks. And well it is to have them. However the student of history knows that these in time pass away. The great possessions that this city has which not fire, water, earthquake, worms, nor even narrow-mindedness are likely ever to destroy utterly are its books. One authority, telling of the book destroying orgies of the medieval bigot says, "In the end it was found easier and cheaper to burn the heretics themselves than their books." For, the biblical observation "dust to dust" holds true here. Mind or spirit, which no man, however much of it he may have, has yet been able to define, seems to be a part of the Eternal, whether we think the Eternal to be a deity whom we worship in a church or to be a Great Law which we seek to understand in a laboratory.

This mind or spirit is what goes into a good book. It is seen not alone in the apparent truth of what the author says, but the rightness and beauty with which he has said it. Even then, all this is made still more imperishable by the rightness and beauty with which the type designer, the paper maker, the ink maker, the illustrator and, finally, the printer and binder have presented the author's work. For though the physical part of the book is but like the body, made of clay, it may defy the ravages of time by the strength of its loveliness and good workmanship. Even the fanatic has been known to spare things because their beauty has disarmed him and called forth a natural reverence, a little of which may be found in the most barbarous of men.

MAN learned how to make pictures, to write and later to print, it might be safe to suppose, because he wished to record his thoughts or perhaps communicate them to the Eternal Spirit. Thus he assured himself of having saved a part of his being from death. It was in this way he overcame fear. The more beauty and rightness of form he gave to his writing the less perishable (his life-loving instinct might have told him) his writing would be.

If an author has written great thoughts, it follows with the printer who has a sense of fitness, that they should be made into a monumental book—a book which, like a monument, has enduring qualities. In fact, when a book has been properly printed we cannot always tell where the beauty of the thought ends and that of the printing begins. A good printer must have something of a sympathetic understanding and insight into what the author wrote in order to present the message faithfully, fully and clearly. From what has been written comes the quality of the printing; and because the printing is what the reader sees first, it is through the quality of that that he is introduced to the quality of the author. The printer should be, therefore, also an interpreter as well as a medium between author and reader. He is in fact, the author's voice; and if you know how easily a poor voice can spoil the charm or effect the meaning of a poem, you will see how responsible a printer is. He can render a noble work of the mind as weary and disgusting as he and his own money-worshipping, dingy life may be.

Indeed, there is no exaggeration in the idea that the printing press was a dangerous invention. No craft is more liable to bring harm to a civilization than that of printing; and perhaps none is so easily degraded. Moreover, it has been generally when printers were most slovenly in their work that what they printed had its worst effect upon the culture of the people. It spoiled eyes not so much as finer sensibilities. Ugliness of type-design and nasty presswork, have at times made it more difficult for men to see clearly the forms of rightness and beauty. Nor are cleverness, prettiness, pompous stiffness, substitutes for these felicities. The wrong feeling in type has made of moral issues only sentimental cant and pious sham.

YOU can easily see why newspapers use ugly type when the burden of what is told the public is the ugliness of human nature: crime, sensational disaster, vulgar mismanagement of human relationships and equally vulgar pruderies. The printing must fit the appeal. It must do violence to good taste in order to cry out loudly news of violence. A cheap merchant uses cheap-looking type to attract the cheap minded through the lowness of his prices, and then wonders why he cannot convince people that the quality of his goods is high. If murder stories were printed in unsensational types, "the popular demand for murder," I venture, would be considerably reduced. Criminal types in the newspapers and in the jails are pretty close pals.

Of course, nothing is so likely to get old and to be destroyed as the latest edition of a newspaper, and it is likewise true that most of the books printed carry within themselves the beginning of their destruction Excellent things are nearly always rare. It is in the economy of nature that the easily come-by, cheap quality of mind in cheap print and on cheap paper should die of consumption by its own germs. If either the thought or the printing is excellent while one of the other is base, the mortified volume will in all probability commit suicide by rending itself to shreds in the hands of or by annihilating itself in the mind of the reader.

Is it a mystery, then, why many people make pilgrimages to the Max Kuhl collection of fine books at the Main Public Library? Why shouldn't people take refreshment in the rare beauties to be found at fine book exhibitions: for they must seek some restorative influences and relief from the dismal horrors that express them elsewhere. They who love beautifully printed books are not finical cranks; they are rather people who take a healthy minded pleasure in seeing the vitality of a race celebrated and preserved.

THE city of San Francisco has no treasure more valuable to its civilized citizens than the library books created by master craftsmen whose honest hearts were in their works. These craftsmen were not dilettantes with nothing better to do, but sound workmen, courageous enough to labor alone and accomplish a difficult job perfectly, when all around them were men scampering after money like street-sparrows, and taking the easiest way.

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Play-grounds

By VEDA B. YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

FOUR thousand persons, including children and their parents and friends, were present at the Playground Olympiad held recently at Jackson Playground. All of the San Francisco playgrounds participated in this spectacular athletic program. The field was gayly decorated with flags of all the nations which will participate in the Olympic games at Amsterdam, and with innumerable colored pennants. The club house was also attractively adorned with American flags.

VEDA B. YOUNG
—Photo by Bushnell

After Southside Playground won the girls' baseball game amid great excitement, the girls track and field meet followed. Excitement was at its height during the afternoon. First there was a parade of all the playground children carrying aloft their banners and flags. The R. O. T. C. color guard from Mission High School and the California Boys' Club band led this procession, while the Chinese Girls' and Boys' Drum Corp also held an important place in the parade.

Coach Charles Hunter of the Olympic Club secured a number of expert track and field athletes who gave an exhibition before the hundreds of aspiring playground contestants. These events were followed by the boys' track and field meet, for which Ray Daugherty acted as referee.

The directors worked hard to make the day's program a success, and it was in every detail. Garland S. Hoffman, who acted as chairman of the Olympiad Committee particularly deserves a great deal of credit for his untiring efforts in helping to make the Olympiad the biggest affair of its kind ever held in the history of the Playground Department.

The Olympiad was won by Mission Playground, where Miss Hulda Popper and Garland S. Hoffman are the directors. They scored 60 points. Edison Schoolyard took second place with 35 5/6 points. Alex Cruz is director at this playground. M. S. Hayward Playground placed third with 28½ points. Ralph Marron directs on this playground. Four beautiful trophies were awarded to Mission Playground, three to Edison and one to M. S. Hayward on Saturday, June 9, in the Rotunda of the City Hall. These trophies were donated as follows: Mrs. Sigmund Stern, Playground Commissioner; A. G. Spalding & Bros., A. J. Reach, Wright & Ditson, Granat Bros., Morgen Jewelry Company, Shreve & Co., Klawans & McMullin and Roos Bros. The children who won in the Olympiad were presented with ribbons by Mr. Edward Rainey, executive secretary to the Mayor.

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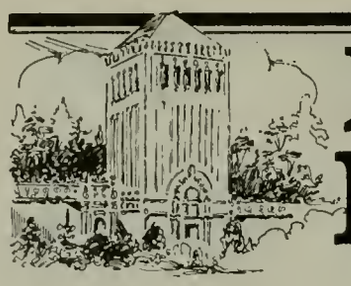
Award of the Playground Olympiad Trophies by Secretary Edward Rainey of the Mayor's Office. Left to right: Louise Hohlhorst, Cecile Brau, Ed Rainey, Nellie Weiss and Edward McCarthy.



Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

THE Board of Supervisors has passed and Mayor James Rolph Jr. has signed the budget ordinance for the fiscal year 1928-1929, in which are included various items of the greatest interest and importance to the Parks. The Park Fund itself is increased to $800,000 as against the present year's $756,000. Then the promised $250,000, to increase the seating capacity of Kezar Stadium to about 62,000 from its present 25,000, was included. Under this arrangement the work of enlarging the bowl has already started. Forms have been set and concrete poured. It is intended to have the work completed in time for the fall athletic season, and the field will then be in the running for the most important games.

Yacht Harbor improvement calls for the expenditure of $10,000 in next year's budget, and the beautification of the Civic Center will take $15,000. An appropriation of $100,000 was included for Aquatic Park. The improvement of Heroes' Grove near Funston Avenue and Fulton Street, for which some of the club women have been asking, was allowed $10,000. Repairs to the Palace of Fine Arts will take $75,000 and work at Surto Heights will take $5000. The John McLaren Park project was allowed an additional $150,000 for the purchase of more land. Altogether these appropriations call for a busy year for the Park Commission, Superintendent McLaren, and their force.

THE work of grading the Great Highway from Fleishhacker Playfield to Lincoln Way, in forming the four-hundred-foot boulevard, has been about completed and work is now proceeding with the levelling, fertilizing, the planting of grass, and the preparation of the roadways. Shrubs and trees will be set out after the fall rains begin.

Foreman Paul Bohm has had a fine display of several different colors of watsonia in his section of Golden Gate Park near the water works, opposite Thirteenth Avenue and Lincoln Way.

Foreman J. Skinner and his crew have set out another effective floral piece in front of the conservatory, this time reading "Welcome B. L. F. & E." The occasion is the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. The make-up of the beds in "the Valley" in front of the conservatory has again been changed and includes a number of different kinds of annuals, including snap-dragons, stocks, asters, begonias, phlox, marigolds and others. A new dwarf dahlia called the "coltness gem" has also been set out.

A beautiful bronze plaque by M. Earl Cummings, well-known sculptor and artist member of the Park Commission, was dedicated with fitting and elaborate ceremonies by the Grove of Memory Association on June 3. The plaque contains the names of the thirty-nine members of the Native Sons of the Golden West of San Francisco who lost their lives in the World War. The bronze is attached to a huge boulder at the edge of the Grove of Memory in Golden Gate Park on the Main Drive, opposite Sixteenth Avenue and Fulton Street. Mrs. William H. Urmy of the Native Daughters was Chairman and Supervisor Charles J. Powers Honorary Chairman on this occasion. The Municipal Band, under Director Philip Spiro furnished the music.

The Legion of Honor Palace

FOLLOWING the close of the Carnegie International Exhibition at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, Director Cornelia B. Sage Quinton arranged to replace in the galleries several of the permanent exhibitions of smaller size, and also the large modern exhibition of paintings previously shown, including pictures by Merton Clivette, Edward Bruce, F. Luis Mora, Maurice Sterne, and others. This enables the public to compare again the American moderns with those of Europe.

During the first fifteen days of June Miss Henrietta Shore, a noted artist who is a native of Canada but who is now naturalized in this country, held an exhibition, which was sponsored by the San Francisco Society of Women Artists. Miss Shore's paintings have been shown in many of the important cities of America and Europe. The collection included several interesting portraits, a landscape or two, and a number of colorful flower pieces done in a modernistic manner that is quite individual.

Following the Shore exhibition, which created a great deal of interest, came a one-man show of paintings by Nicolai Fechin. This artist was born in Kazan, Russia, and studied under the master Repin. His work has won honors both in his native country and in America. He is represented in important galleries of both countries.

Opening on May 27 and continuing throughout the month of June was an exhibition of Persian art supplied by Dr. Ali Kuli Khan, former Persian diplomat and now a collector of note. The exhibition included rare books, tapestries, textiles of other kinds and rugs, pottery, furniture and miniatures. An outstanding piece was a representation of "The Angel and the Book," picturing the Angel Gabriel holding the Koran, which is supposed to have been brought from Heaven to Mohammed. This painting is by Behzad, who is called the "Raphael of the East." Two royal chests and a table, inlaid with mosaics of mother of pearl, ivory and ebony were among the antique pieces of value and interest.

On June 6 another one-man show consisting of twenty-eight paintings—portraits and still life—by Giovanni B. Troccoli opened in Gallery XV of the Palace. His work displays superb craftsmanship and is full of rich color and harmonious contrasts. Mr. Troccoli is a native of Italy but was brought to this country by his parents when he was quite young. He

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City and County Offices

THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By Louise O'Hara

THE most strenuous season in the history of the Assessor's Office is nearing its completion and Mr. Russell L. Wolden, our Chief, heartily commends the splendid co-operation of the employees whose unflagging service made it possible to deliver our rolls on time.

The change in laws covering solvent credits, etc., made the business of the personal property department decidedly heavier than heretofore. Also the growth of the city with its additional new tracts, incurring a resurvey together with a new re-appraisal, necessitated the constant application of the real estate and improvement departments with their various branches to finish the work on hand. The loyalty of the office is portrayed by the unanimous service it renders its Chief in stressful times.

Mrs. Adelaide R. Bartlett has just returned from an extended trip to Egypt, the Holy Land and Europe. We've been so very busy that we've not heard very much as yet of all her wonderful experiences but we do know that she had a donkey ride in Spain to visit the Alhambra, sailed down the Nile at full moonlight and slept on the desert in the Valley of the Kings. Can you imagine anything more romantic? She had an audience with the Pope and was duly thrilled with the beauty of the ceremonies and surroundings. Then she flew from Paris to London in a French airplane and did not know until she landed at Croydon Field that they came close to having an accident. Mrs. Bartlett wasn't seasick a single day and had a perfectly gorgeous time in general. She advises all her friends to save up and do likewise. However, we'll travel by proxy when she gives us a full account of her trip, together with the hundreds of photos she took while on the journey.

We hope that the epidemic of sprained ankles, etc., which seems to have struck the feminine contingent of the office, is at an end. They say three times breaks the charm? Jinks would express our opinion and we want no more.

THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

OUR worthy chief cashier, Ignatius A. Richardson, genial "Nace," was put through the paces by our strenuous treasurer on the occasion of a recent week-end trip to Lake Almanor, Plumas County, where Treasurer Thieler has some country property. The Chief wanted a change from automobile and airplane traveling, so he brought out the horses. After the forty-mile ride to Juniper Lake, Nace felt something like the Colonels in the Roosevelt administration when Teddy insisted that they do equestrian stunts. There being no mantel pieces at Juniper Lake, Rich did the best he could in handling his eats.

J. J. (Joe) Cusack, inheritance tax deputy, is crossing the bay these days to Marin County, hoping the summer climate of San Rafael will benefit his invalid wife. The good wishes of everyone go with them.

Popular Tom McCarthy attended the state convention of the Eagles held at Santa Barbara June 9, 10 and 11. He reports an interesting session and a pleasant trip. Wherever the F. O. E. aeries build their nests T. K. is known as a leader, whether it be north, south, east or west. It is his one great hobby.

Major Walter J. Buttgenbach is taking a well-earned vacation after a hard year's work. He was undecided whether to make a jaunt to Crater Lake or take in the southland, sizing up the new official residence of the municipal folks of Los Angeles. The scribe guesses it will be the environs of Hollywood for the erstwhile military man.

Officer Cooney, one of the treasurer's day guards, is a happy Dad, the mysterious stork having brought in a brown-eyed daughter and all is well. Congratulations, Jack.

The office is preparing to handle the additional bond issues voted by the people in May for finishing Hetch Hetchy and acquiring the Spring Valley Water Company. Bids for the lithographing are now being received. With the $15,000,000 other municipal bonds voted within the year, $80,000,000 in the aggregate, it practically doubles the volume of work incident to the custodianship and accounting of bonds and coupons.

Treasurer Thieler has adopted an up-to-date means of transportation. On the occasion of the semi-annual settlement with the state on May 31 the treasurer had nearly $2,000,000 to pay on account of inheritance tax and other items. Instead of taking the train in the time-honored way he jumped into a plane piloted by a trusted aviator friend and winged his way to Sacramento, making the flight in forty-two minutes. The world do move and Jack Thieler never takes a back seat.

THE RECORDER'S OFFICE

BEFORE this is read by his many friends, the Recorder's office will have lost one of its oldest employees. Frank J. McLane, who retired July 1, has been an employee of this office for over twenty years. The employees tendered Frank a banquet at the St. Germain. Pete Clavere rendered a tenor solo and Lester Livingston played several snappy numbers on his harmonica. A good time was enjoyed by all. Speeches were made, and many fine testimonials given Frank by his old freinds.

Miss Sadie Mund has returned from a Mediterranean cruise of three months. Sadie is in fine health and had a dandy trip. While abroad she flew from Paris to London. She enjoyed the sensation of being up in the air, but says she has been up much higher in the Recorder's office.

One of the social events of the season was the mar-

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Many New Lines Use City's Airport

By JOHN D. GIBSON

THIS city's municipal airport at Mills Field, designated "America's Model Airport," recently completed the first month of its second year of operation with a volume of business far in excess of any of the previous twelve months since its establishment.

In the report of May business just made public by Supervisor Milo F. Kent, chairman of the city's airport committee, it is shown that there were 1271 flights and landings of planes of all types coming from and going to all parts of the world, with 2114 passengers. The revenue received from hangar rentals alone totaled $1,112.35 in May, lifting the airport to a position approaching self-support.

In the thirteen months since Mills Field opened for business its log has recorded 9348 flights and landings and 14,464 passengers.

The month of May marked the selection of Mills Field as the terminal of the Maddux Air Lines, Inc., and the Western Air Express, both operating a daily air passenger service between Los Angeles and this city. The West Coast Air Transport, operating an air transportation service daily from Seattle, has also picked Mills Field as its terminal. Another daily air passenger service is being conducted to and from Mills Field by the Beacon Airways, with stops at San Joaquin Valley points, including Fresno.

Frank A. Flynn, superintendent of Mills Field since it opened, is ranked among the leading airport executives of America. He achieved fame in the world war as an American ace.

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Bank Building and Lots, main and branch offices (value over $1,925,000.00), standing on books at	1.00
Other Real Estate (value over $250,000.00), standing on books at	1.00
Pension Fund (value over $610,000.00), standing on books at	1.00
Cash on hand and checks on Federal Reserve and other Banks	14,538,360.65
Total	$118,615,481.57
Liabilities—	
Due Depositors	$113,615,481.57
Capital Stock actually paid up	1,000,000.00
Reserve and Contingent Funds	4,000,000.00
Total	$118,615,481.57

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Municipal Organizations

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS

By C. S. Hiden

OF INTEREST to fellow members who were unable to attend the last regular meeting of our organization, the following extracts of the minutes may be of interest:

Mr. Rosemond, Secretary of our International, reported in a communication that the annual convention of the Technical Engineers, Architects and Draughtsmen's Union will be called to order at 10 a. m., July 9. Our organization will be represented in proxy, as the meeting is to be held in Washington, D. C.

In communications prepared by the Surveyors' Field Assistants and by the Inspectors of Streets and Sewers, who, in the temporary classification at present submitted by the Standardization Board, are placed in a zone where it appears questionable that they will be allowed to participate in the customary promotional examinations to higher positions in the Engineering Department, the request has been made to have their services classified under Division F, Engineering Service. The organization has seconded these requests, and will endeavor to have these changes made. The justice of this rezoning is apparent to anyone who is at all familiar with the duties of these men, and the method of selecting candidates for higher promotional positions.

The Executive Committee reported that during the recent budget hearings Supervisor Stanton presented his recommendations for salary increases to include adoption of our union scale. However all increases were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Chairman of the Social Committee, Ray Grier, announced that due to lack of time for sufficient preparation, the picnic will not be held this year. We will not lack for diversion as the regular August monthly meeting will be followed by a high jinx and smoker. The usual carefully selected musical and artistic program will be enjoyed.

It was announced the regular July meeting will be postponed from July 4, a national holiday, to the following Friday evening, July 6. Also the sum of $10 was voted to the relief of the striking miners in the Pennsylvania coal fields. Ten tickets, on behalf of the union, were purchased for the Molders' Picnic, to be held Sunday, June 17.

President J. J. Casey spoke briefly in regard to the necessity of every available member attending each meeting, and expressed his appreciation of the cooperation extended by the majority in the past.

Recording Secretary John F. Coughlan was appointed delegate to the Labor Day Celebration Committee.

Following the regular order of business, ten two-pound boxes of chocolates were distributed, the fortunate ones being L. J. Bailey, R. McHugh, Tom Breslin, W. J. Hatman, C. J. Fiascsan, T. Mullaney, F. Brown, A. Olsen, H. Brooks, and last but not least the worthy Chairman of the Social Committee, Ray Grier, whose box came as a timely birthday gift for his boy.

Financial Secretary, Ivan Flamm, whose ability has again been recognized by the San Francisco Civil Service Association, in his elevation to the post of President, was installed in office at its June meeting, with appropriate ceremonies. A very pleasing entertainment followed the short business meeting. The popular radio star, Del Perry, and others were enthusiastically received.

It might prove of interest to those not now informed that the improvements endorsed by the Retirement Board and presented by them to the Board of Supervisors for adoption, came as a result of the endeavors of the Retirement Conference whose inception followed suggestions of various members of the Engineers' Union. It is gratifying to note the active interest taken by our leaders on behalf of our fellow members.

Recently a very interesting meeting was called by Assistant City Engineer Clyde E. Healy and Supervising Engineer Fred Schuts for the purpose of instructing the new Inspectors of Streets and Sewers.

Scroggy, Heilman, Bunting and Keenan are the inspectors on the Wawona street sewer, closely pursuing the line run by Coughlan's survey party.

J. L. Slater, Jr., the usual contributor for this column, is at present on a two months leave of absence, enforced by reason of ill health in his family.

Many acquaintances in the Engineering Department of Tom Lundy recently received the sorrowful news of the death of his mother.

Surveyor Knox and party are actively preparing the field work on the Bay Shore and Alemany Boulevards.

"Rajah" has finally taken the fatal plunge, and we join in expressing congratulations.

Bridge Builder Charley Muller recently endeavored to amend a few small technicalities in the jay walking ordinance and we hope in time to hear of his early parole. It is too bad because Charley will be forced to discontinue negotiations on his mausoleum. Terms were practically closed, the last offer being only 40 per cent of the original price.

Sid Carlson has just taken on oath never again to have faith in auto delivery promises. Cheer up, Sid; the Fordor may arrive yet.

Grier and Carlson met the yellowjackets stirred up the day before by Heilman and Scroggy and suffered only a few minor casualties.

Coughlan's party recently returned fit for another year's tussle with M. & N.'s and H. I.'s. Their vacation was spent mainly in the healthful environs just

south of the Golden Gate and north of the County Line.

Garen's party have recently completed a number of interesting grade studies.

The baseball suits lately made a reappearance in the instrument room without molestation.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By William T. Bonsor

NOT a single salary advance or adjustment was the answer of the Board of Supervisors to the many requests made by the various organized labor groups and their parent Councils for needed wage adjustments to correct many existing injustices in this regard.

Necessity for completion of classification and standardization reports expected from the Civil Service Commission was the reason given for this attitude. This was expected even though, months ago, we were assured that this report would be in the hands of the Board of Supervisors in plenty of time for consideration during the period of budget making. When the budget was passed to print it was stated that the classification report would be in the hands of the board within three weeks or so, according to information given by those in charge compiling the classification schedule.

This uncertainty and these delays serve to establish the fact that those engaged in this task find it extremely difficult and undoubtedly impossible of definite and satisfactory solution. In no metropolitan city in this country can any so-called standardization of salaries scheme be pointed out as a successful solution of the salary question. In some it has been tried and abandoned as unworkable and too expensive to keep in operation and up to date. One or two cities have it in use in what is termed the experimental stage. We find no one to recommend it who has tried it. The Bureau of Governmental Research, its originator here and elsewhere, does advocate it. We do not find any of the city employees who are satisfied with the classification schedules made public. Most of them say they do not know what they mean as so many of the employees find themselves fitting in with several of the subdivisions.

It is now one and one-half years since any of the clerical workers have received salary adjustments. One year ago all requests were referred to the Finance Committee, when the budget was passed to print, to be reported on later. The later report was to the effect that there was no money. This year the requests were again referred to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors awaiting receipt of the classification report.

It is now quite apparent that no standardization of salaries can be effected in time to permit of payment in July of salary adjustments contained therein. It is quite possible that later on there will be no money to meet wage adjustments as was the case several months ago. In other words no one will receive a salary advance at the beginning of the fiscal year unless a salary ordinance is passed during the month of July. Owing to the vacation period it is quite possible that such an ordinance, if filed with the board, cannot receive the attention and consideration of all the Supervisors until next September.

It seems that there has been ample time for a classification report to have been made and presented to the Board of Supervisors in order that they may be able to deal with it one way or another. Nearly four years and several thousands of dollars should make the report available at this time. It can then be determined if the classification schedules are workable or if the ideal plan anticipated by some in the Charter Amendment is a failure and one of those mistakes sometimes made in legislation. If found to be a mistake it should be repealed. It should be placed in operation at once or discarded. In either event the salary question for clerical workers should be given the consideration it deserves at this time in justice to those involved.

VETERAN FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By John S. Farley

THE June meeting was held at the association's hall at 368 Fell Street, on Tuesday evening, June 5, with President William Brown presiding. Twelve new members were elected as follows: Roy N. Linderborg, George F. Ahrens, John P. Crowley, John M. Butler, George Nagelmaker, Otto Wilham, James N. Roche, Albert A. Sullivan, Michael Griffin, Philip Diez, Ambrose Lawson and Joseph Grace.

The picnic committee reported favorable progress in preparations for the annual picnic to be held Sunday, August 5, at Fairfax Park, Marin County.

Regular business included a report on all sick members of the association and approval of minutes of previous meetings including those called for the purpose of attending the obsequies of our departed Comrades John P. McCaull, Gabriel Woods and James Flater. Bills amounting to $753.60 were ordered paid. The question of installing a hat room was left to the directors with power to act.

The financial statement showed collections amounting to $439.25. The total membership of the organization is 643.

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

A SCIENTIFIC study of the teachers' salary situation in San Francisco will be undertaken as a result of action of the Governing Council at its meeting June 4. The council decided that the study should be so adequate as to be unassailable and that it should be directed by a paid expert. Mr. McCarthy of the Salary Study Committee announced that all teachers will be asked to contribute a fund for this purpose and that members of the Governing Council will be asked to act as collectors. Dr. Peterson of the University of California outlined to the council what New York and other large Eastern cities have been doing in salary study.

The committee appointed to make a study of teachers' organizations announced that it will hold further meetings for research and study following the summer vacation.

The council unanimously indorsed a proposed League of Art for San Francisco in order to awaken community interest in the furtherance of California art. A. Altmann was authorized to represent the Teachers' Association at a conference of the Beaux Arts.

A committee composed of Miss Nellie Sullivan, Miss Miriam Eisner, Mrs. Helen Prout, E. Stewart and George Finnegan was appointed to join Auditor Thomas F. Boyle in a conference with the Board of Education to arrange for the payment of teachers' salaries on the first of each calendar month and at the close of the school term.

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THE AUDITORIUM

Despite the usual summer slump in Auditorium activities, Superintendent James L. Foley reports a comparatively busy month ahead. The Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, holding their triennial convention here, will be in session until July 10. Three summer symphony concerts are scheduled for the remainder of the month, on July 17, 24 and 31 respectively.

Mrs. Noonan Ends Busy Year as Head of Native Daughters

By John D. Gibson

AFTER a brilliantly successful year as President of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Mrs. Mae Himes Noonan of the San Francisco Hospital relinquished her office at the annual convention held here last month.

MRS MAE HIMES NOONAN

Mrs. Noonan presided at all sessions of the convention and guided it through nearly a week of activity. Approximately five hundred delegates from all over the state were present. The convention was held at Native Sons Hall and headquarters were maintained at the Clift Hotel.

San Francisco parlors, under the supervision of Mrs. Noonan and her committees, provided a splendid program of entertainment for the delegates, which included a reception and fashion show on the first day of the convention. The delegates were given automobile trips around the bay and down the peninsula on the second day and later were guests at a grand ball at the Fairmont Hotel. Local parlors were hosts to the visitors at a banquet given at the Clift Hotel on Wednesday, June 20.

The visiting delegates represented a membership of more than 15,000 in the 165 parlors of the state. They were welcomed at the opening meeting on June 18 by Acting Mayor Franck R. Havenner, the response being made by Mrs. Noonan.

During the year of her incumbency Mrs. Noonan traveled 19,000 miles around the state visiting the various parlors and assisted at the institution of four new parlors during the year. They are located at Santa Monica, Madera, San Bruno and Hollywood.

The San Francisco Hospital

OWING to pressure of work at the Hospital during the past few months we have not been able to collect and send in data for our Magazine, but hope that from now on some article regarding the Hospital will appear each month.

On June 1 the Commencement Exercises of the San Francisco Hospital School of Nursing were held in the North Court of the Hospital Grounds. The following were awarded displomas as Graduate Nurses:

Geraldine L. Searcy, Minnie C. Fong, Gertrude Emma Hyde, Mae L. Rivers, Catherine Gertrude Hemming, Lucina K. Sorola, Mary B. Field, Kathleen Winifred King, Katherine A. Gribneff, Winifred England, Edith Victoria Peterson, Catherine Alicia Faulkner, Valentina A. Nazaroff, Elizabeth A.

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The following interesting program was enjoyed by the visitors and friends who were present:

Presiding, Dr. W. C. Hassler, Health Officer, Department of Public Health; Dr. Leon M. Wilbor, Superintendent, San Francisco Hospital.

March ..... Municipal Band
Invocation ..... Rev. Aloysius Stern, S. J.
Introductory Remarks ..... Dr. Alexander S. Keenan
Member, Hospital Committee, Department of Public Health
Address ..... Dr. Haven Emerson
Professor of Public Health Administration,
Columbia University, New York City, N. Y.
Selection ..... Municipal Band
Presentation of Diplomas ..... Mr. Frank J. Klimm
President, Department of Public Health
Presentation of Pins ..... Ruth H. Gustafson
Superintendent of Nurses
Benediction ..... Rev. William M. Bours
March ..... Municipal Band

The beautiful setting in the garden, the picture presented by the nurses in their crisp white uniforms and caps and the delightful program will linger long in the memories of all who had the good fortune to be present.

A delightful reception and tea followed the exercises, this being given to the newly graduated nurses by the ward supervisors.

The Thirtieth Anniversary Convention of the American Hospital Association will convene at the Exposition Auditorium, San Francisco, August 6 to 10, 1928. The program will be comprehensive and valuable and will touch every point of hospital operation.

Dr. Leon M. Wilbor, Superintendent of the Hospital, is the Chairman of the Committee on Clinical and Scientific Equipment and Works. He is also in charge of arrangements for the entertainment of eighteen hundred visitors and has planned as his feature, "A Night in Chinatown." The guests will be taken on a tour of this most interesting section of our cosmopolitan city, then to one of the Chinese theaters and will complete the evening's entertainment with supper and dancing at the various restaurants in this quarter.

Cupid has been busy among our resident staff, and we can report the marriage of Dr. William G. Burkhard, House Officer, Stanford Service, on Saturday afternoon, June 2, at the Stanford Chapel, Palo Alto. A wire has just reached us that our Resident Physician, Raymond R. Scott, M. D., who left the hospital June 10 on vacation, was married in Reno, June 11. Dr. Paul T. Pace, House Officer, Stanford Service, while on vacation from the Hospital, married Miss Helen Schaffer, stenographer, Isolation Department. We extend congratulations to all.

We are happy to say that the new chapel has just been completed and was used for the first time on Sunday, June 10. Services will be held here regularly by Rev. Father A. J. Stern, S. J., Dr. Wm. Bours, Rev. Wm. Menzell and Rev. R. U. Evjenth.

It was with much pleasure that we welcomed the return to duty of Mrs. Pearl Longwell, Anaesthetist, who had been quite ill.

Municipal Railway Baseball

By John W. Thomas, Manager

A GALA day was spent at Neptune Beach on June 3, when, in addition to a picnic arranged by the Oakland Carmen, a baseball game was played between Division 192 of Oakland and the Municipal Railway Baseball Club. This game proved to be the big event of the day. Our club has a decisive lead up to the ninth inning, when a balk was called on Pitcher Jack Sullivan which almost resulted in a riot call for the San Francisco Police Department. After a heated argument the umpire's decision was sustained and the game proceeded. It was finally won by the Muny Railway Club by the score of 8 to 7, when, in the last half of the ninth inning, a timely bingle was clicked off "Mussolini" Arata's bat.

Jack Sullivan surely pitched a great game until the Umps called the balk, after which Jack got up his Irish and the Oakland boys garnered a couple of hits.

Pitcher Eglight of the Oakland Carmen, who has had a try-out with the Seals and who has been pitching air-tight ball for Petaluma for several seasons, likewise pitched a steady game.

The game was opened in big league style with Chief Assistant Superintendent Clisbee behind the plate. The opening would have been perfect, had not Superintendent Potter of the Oakland Traction Company made a wild pitch. Chief Assistant Superintendent Clisbee, who played in many bush league aggregations only a few years back, would have snared the ball had it been anywhere near the plate.

The Municipal Railway Employees' Band was on hand and aided the boys materially in winning the game. We were also glad to see such a large delegation of employees and their friends at the Ferry to make the trip with us.

On the following Sunday, June 10, our club played a 4 to 4 tie with the Ames, Harris and Neville Club at University Grounds. The game was a pitchers' battle between "Skeeter" Amstein of the Muny Railway Club and Jack Jacobs, son of Elmer Jacobs, famous pitcher of the Seals, twirling for Ames, Harris and Neville. Both clubs played brilliant ball in the field.

Tommy Curtin is playing a bang-up game of late. Tommy attributes his success to that "golden" stocking you have, no doubt, noticed very neatly applied to his right leg. Tom says there is a history attached to that stocking.

Arthur Moyle, our Night Car Dispatcher, who was playing baseball when "Pop" Anson was a boy, is still getting his base knocks as well as handling some very hard chances around second base.

"Big Ed" Doherty, whom I figured on starting in the box against Jack Jacobs of the Ames, Harris and Neville Club, was nowhere to be found when the roll was called before the game. Knowing Ed to be quite a ladies' man, I made a little investigation of my own, and have been reliably informed that Edward was seen cavorting in the vicinity of Paradise Cove with a couple of "honeys" while the game was in progress.

Mills Field Ideal Site

SELECTION of Mills Field from the several peninsula sites as the ideal location for San Francisco's Municipal Airport was completely justified this month in an official report of the United States Weather Bureau, based on daily observations at each of the projected sites for a period of more than eight months.

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Solving Domestic Problems

By Martha Evans
Bureau Domestic Relations, District Attorney's Office

THE Bureau of Domestic Relations, created by Judge Matthew Brady when he became District Attorney, is now in its ninth year, and during that time thousands of men and women have passed through the Department, laying their problems on my desk for me to solve. this is not always an easy matter, as the skeins of matrimony sometimes become so enmeshed that they are difficult to unravel.

MARTHA EVANS
—Photo by Hartsook

As Judge Brady intended, and the name implies, the work deals entirely with domestic difficulties. It is the aim of this department, at all times, to try and adjust these problems, to reconcile those in disagreement and if possible prevent the stigma and publicity of arrest and trial in court, especially where children are involved.

Since the work covers all phases of Social Welfare and every discord in the home which cannot be settled amicably, our files naturally show a great diversity. The particular type of cases that come within our jurisdiction include: failure to provide for minor children; abandonment and neglect of wives; failure to provide for indigent parents; cruelty to minor children; threats against life; battery; disturbing the peace.

By far the greatest number of cases that come to us for adjustment are those of failure to provide for minor children. We endeavor to instil into the heart of the father a feeling of responsibility for the welfare of his child. This is not always easy; in fact in many cases it is impossible. Naturally the children are the chief sufferers from this neglect. It is at this point that the Bureau of Domestic Relations steps in. We have the offender cited to appear and show cause why he cannot support his minor child.

We hear his side without interruption, and if he is found to be earning sufficient to pay the sum set, we extract a promise from him that he will pay the requisite amount on a certain date. Everything is conducted in a friendly manner, without a suggestion of reflection upon him. Then if he fails in his payment, we allow a few days grace before he is cited again. If he still refuses, the wife may, if she desires, sign a warrant for his arrest.

I maintain that the children must be protected, since they are the future citizens of the United States and the seed of good citizenship is sown during the maturing years of a child's life. Nowhere can it be so lastingly instilled as in the home.

It is our ambition at all times to rebuild the home

and every case is handled with that point in view. We endeavor to reunite all estranged couples for the sake of their children.

The Portia of San Francisco

In a law office on the outskirts of the Wall Street of San Francisco sits a young woman who has attained the right to be called the Portia of San Francisco. She is Assistant District Attorney Mrs. Edith Wilson, appointed February 1, this year.

MRS. EDITH WILSON

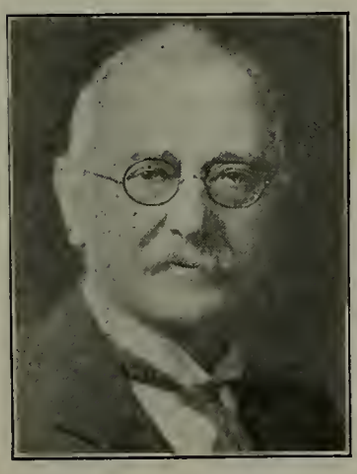
Mrs. Wilson is a native daughter of California, and as Edith Christensen, was educated in the San Francisco public schools. She studied at Denman grammar school and later graduated from the Girls' High School and the University of California.

In her third university year Edith Wilson decided upon her profession, and began the study of law, which yielded her the A. B. degree and an L. L. B. from Hastings Law College. She was the only girl in her class.

During her schooling Mrs. Wilson worked at the information bureau of the Chamber of Commerce for a year. She then practiced law for four years with her husband, under the firm name of Wilson & Wilson.

When asked if she can do her duty by her home she answers in a well-modulated voice, "No, I devote all of my time to my business."

Mrs. Wilson is a well-dressed, up-to-date young woman, and just "adores bridge." She has very little time for golf, yet finds time to get in a little swimming occasionally. She is a firm believer in the capacity of women to enter public life, but still voices appreciation of the kindliness and co-operation received from the opposite sex.



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The intricate maze of legal research, the painstaking assembling of masses of detail, the clear legal vision that must obtain and the knowledge of jurisprudence and legal procedure necessitated by undertakings such as the Hetch Hetchy project, the street railway franchises, the taking over of the Spring Valley Water Company, the Trans-Bay Bridge and the thousand and one situations of equal or lesser gravity, all are functions of the task that confront the city attorney and his assistants.

Before great municipal projects are constructed the way is prepared and safeguarded by the legal department. City Attorney John J. O'Toole is an able lawyer and a conscientious public official. Associated with him on his staff are a number of lawyers well trained in municipal law and procedure. The close tie between all city departments and the legal department speaks well for the ability and helpfulness of John J. O'Toole and his assistants.

Warrant and Bond Office

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case to the attention of the Warrant and Bond Department for counsel and advice.

In addition to the service and advice given to the Police Department and to the public generally in criminal matters, the Warrant and Bond Department is called upon for advice in civil and other matters of a general character. By telephone and over the counter numerous people, who believe there must be some public office to give gratuitous advice where private rights are involved, apply for aid. This service aggregates thousands of cases a year.

To aid in securing evidence in prosecutions for crimes involving death by criminal means it has become the function of the Warrant and Bond Office, when notified by the Police Department, to proceed to any hospital or other place for the purpose of obtaining statements or declarations from persons who are likely to die from injuries received through violence or criminal negligence. These statements pertain to the cause and circumstances of the injuries and the person or persons responsible therefor.

As the discharge of the statutory and incidental duties involved in the conduct of the Warrant and Bond Office requires a general knowledge of the law and a special knowledge of criminal law and procedure as well as a high type of clerical ability, it has been the aim of the present District Attorney that all assistants should meet the charter requirement for the head of that office. That is that they should be qualified to practice law in all the courts of the state.

Girl Athlete Aids City Sports

THERE are many occasions when public-spirited firms can be of immense assistance to our city departments without thought of recompense. As a part of the activities of the Playground Department many contests are staged and at such a time expert assistance is needed properly to conduct the affairs.

Miss Ruth M. Richardson through the courtesy of the A. G. Spalding Bros. Company by whom she is employed, often lends valuable assistance, giving freely of her time and experience.

During the recent track meets Miss Richardson had charge of the field events for girls and, under her able direction, the various events were conducted smoothly and satisfactorily. Miss Richardson is a perfect type of the young modern feminie athlete. At Polytechnic High she was a star baseball catcher and prominent in other branches of sports.

Since leaving school she continued her interest in athletics, at present conducting a gym class at the Salvation Army Gym for the Girl Guards, together with other activities.

She is women's representative in San Francisco for the Northern California Athletic Club and also for other organizations. Baseball is Miss Richardson's favorite sport.

THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

By Sister Susie

PURCHASER of Supplies Leonard S. Leavy has returned from his trip to Kansas City, where he attended the annual convention of the National Association of Purchasing Agents. As expected, he was elected Vice-President for the first district of the National Association.

As a result of this honor he will be the custodian of the Vice-President's clock which was presented by the Oregon Association to the Vice-President in 1926. It is a regular Navy clock and strikes eight bells and everything. As Susie served in the Navy during the war, she has been given the job of winding it, which is no sinecure.

We have two ex-sea dogs on the force.

Mildred Stimson, who served at Mare Island and Susie, who slaved on the U. S. S. Sheldon at First and Market streets. So we are quite nautical (do not mistake the word), and it may be that Bubbles will have to wear a sailor suit and I am sure that Dan Flanagan would look fine in a gob's outfit. Gold braid would certainly be becoming to Kast, Herget and Finn. You know, we buy on U. S. Navy Standard specifications, too. Yo Ho! My lads, and what is the rest of it?

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An Efficient Camp Manager

IN connection with the dedication of the Senator Phelan tablet on the O'Shaugnessy Dam on June 17, the party which made the trip from San Francisco in the official caravan spent Saturday night at the Municipal Mountain Camp, Margaret Maryland. Here all had a good opportunity of judging the ability of Norman R. Center, camp manager, in his capacity as host. Supervisors Franck R. Havenner and Charles J. Powers had made the trip to the camp the previous day in order to make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the party.

NORMAN R. CENTER
—Photo by Bushnell

It was the first opportunity many had had to see first hand what San Francisco offers its citizens for a sojourn in the mountains. The several remaining hours of daylight were used in making a thorough inspection under the guidance of Manager Center. Members of the party were outspoken in their amazement at the completeness of the facilities afforded by the Playground Department for the comfort and convenience of its guests.

Another pleasant surprise was the quality and quantity of the food served. In spite of the fact that the charge for a vacation outing at Camp Margaret Maryland is comparatively small, the tremendous buying power of San Francisco enables the Playground Department to serve first class meals as a part of the inducements to citizens.

Wedding Bells Ring

WEDDING bells sounded all through the City attorney's office last week when Thomas P. Slevin, assistant city attorney, started his march to the altar with Miss Estelle Tilhou. The ceremony took place June 27 at Mission Dolores Church, with practically the entire staff of the city attorney's office present. City Attorney O'Toole and Special Assistant Dion Holm led the office force. The newlyweds received a number of beautiful wedding gifts, among them a delightful silver set, presented by fellow employees.

Of Interest to Women

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cities, whether the builder came from Baltimore, or Boston, from Philadelphia or New Orleans.

Of course there aren't many of the old places left. The fire, progress, and the march of commerce have destroyed most of the humble monuments, but here and there along the streets that the fire left untouched, the old homes still stand, bearing their age and origin on their honest albeit homely old faces, a pleasant study to the sentimentalist.

Here's wishing you a long and merry vacation, and all the fun in the world to remember this fall.

See you next month—au revoir.

TO MAKE THE FOURTH REALLY GLORIOUS

By Martha Adams
The Best Foods Home Economics Service

FOURTH OF JULY might well be called the "Great American Picnic Day" for all thoughts are centered on out-of-doors. Someone aptly said "When in the country, it takes all your time to just live," so it is natural that this day should be a culinary as well as patriotic celebration to the commander-in-chief of the larder, no matter where she plies her trade.

Where shall we stage the party? Is Father spending Saturday afternoon cleaning the car for adventure, or is brother's Legion crowd likely to drop in on us in unpunctual groups of unknown size during the day, or is the program to be of a more formal nature? The family or fates can decide these lesser problems but the real success of the day wherever spent, centers on the FOOD. This is the big day for the homemaker.

The toothsome morsels of fine spring chicken fried to a golden brown in Best Foods Shortning and each piece wrapped in its individual waxed paper covering, represents the longest time spent in the preparation of the "eats." Potato chips offer a picnicky accompaniment for the chicken. It gives added zest to the finished offering if the guest's own hand extracts the fat, juicy tomatoes (previously skinned and chilled) from their paper lined, tin box, arranges them on the nests of crisp lettuce with a garnishing of Fannings Bread and Butter Pickles, and adds to each service a goodly supply of Best Foods Mayonnaise from the large jar in the hamper. It becomes the guest's own handiwork and nobody thinks of the organization and thought behind the apparently unassorted ingredients which the planner casually hands out with a few simple directions for assembling.

The time-honored custom of early rising on the Fourth of July can be turned to good account in sandwich making on Monday morning. Saturday's bread will be just right for thin slices and the Nucoa with which they are spread can be softened and creamed by enthusiastic small hands while firecrackers lie deserted. Although a variety of sandwich fillings will no doubt be used, don't forget the Best Foods Relish Spread which offers a piquantness so essential to any picnic menu.

Thermos bottles of coffee, the cream for which is packed in the tin box with the cool lettuce, a jar of fresh sliced pineapple, the best of thirst quenching desserts with homemade cake, and candy and nuts in red boxes to represent firecrackers, complete the menu.

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the visitors were shown the stock from which the Camp Mather supplies were selected.

The Foppiano-Solari Company has also furnished the Hetch Hetchy project for a long period and takes pride in its association with this engineering feat. This company is one of the largest of its kind in the San Joaquin Valley and has grown to its present prominent position through the excellence of its products and the service it renders.

City and County Offices

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riage of Jessie McGenity and William Mosner. The bride was charmingly attired in a white satin gown. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the bride's brother's home, where a reception was held. The bride and groom are honeymooning in the South. Joe and Maudie were at the wedding.

Leopold Popper is reported having been seen walking to Paraiso Springs. He says he will make it easy if his dogs hold out. It is hoped Leopold will not contract poison oak again this year.

Sure-sure-sure Kalisky is still rooting for the Seals.

News of our vacationists: Francis Mead is enjoying the Municipal Camp at Hetch-Hetchy. Eddie Hanifin is in Shasta. Ed Walsh is attending the convention at Houston. Paul Zocchi is summering in Danville. Leopold Popper is fishing at Stowe Lake.

THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

By Homer Warren

ED. HARRINGTON has returned from his vacation spent at Neys Springs, Siskiyou County. Ed. claims they are the most wonderful springs he has ever visited.

Bill Sicotte and his bosom friend, Frank Smith, attended the opening of Skagg's Springs. From all accounts it was a howling success.

J. K. Jones and Eugene Beauce spent a recent Sun-

day at Del Monte, where they engaged in a spirited game of golf. The score, however, has been kept a secret.

Loretta McKeon is all jazzed up over her contemplated trip to Los Angeles. Trains and autos are too slow, so she is going to make the trip by air. Good luck, and here's hoping you don't drop in on your friends too suddenly.

J. F. McDevitt and family are spending the summer at Lansdale.

Henry Angelo and friends are arranging for a trip to Yellowstone Park.

Joe Prior and family left on the first of the month for a trip to Yosemite.

Mabel Box is kept busy at present getting the boys ready for the police examination.

Minnie Cope is enjoying her vacation at the Feather River Inn.

Some thirty pieces of real estate were knocked down to the highest bidder at an auction sale held in this office on June 26.

The Superior Court

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system requires not only the co-operation of the trial judges but, even more, the hearty support and constant aid of the members of the bar. Happily, these factors have all been most generously evidenced.

In the conduct of the departments of the court to which is assigned the penal business of the community, it has not been found necessary to extend the system which has been so briefly sketched. Here the chief aid to justice is the District Attorney. Upon him and his assistants rests, in large measure, the burden of the administration of real justice. He is the initiator of criminal proceedings and the official prosecutor of all offenders. He is the court's advisor, and, because of the far-reaching effect of the ultimate decision in a criminal case, the vision of the District Attorney should be wide, his humanitarianism broad; he should be wise beyond belief, kindly and humane, vigorous and relentless in his prosecution of the real criminal but quick to reclaim the mere offender. With these attributes, more essential indeed than mere ability in the law, a District Attorney is the strong arm of the court, and in their possession will effectively achieve the proper enforcement of and respect for the "law of the land."

The system by which the work of the Superior Court is now carried on is not perfect. It is, however, a forward step and with time and experience will, no doubt, be improved. It will not overcome the law's delays concerning which we hear so much these days. Until the machinery of the law,—not of the courts,—is given a thorough overhauling, the slack taken up, the useless cogs relegated to the junk pile, the law's delay will be ever with us. When such repair has been had, the systematic handling of litigated disputes will aid, to a great extent, the speedy and efficient administration of justice, both civil and criminal.

The regular meeting of the Governing Council of the Teachers' Association of San Francisco was held on the afternoon of May 21 at the Redding School instead of at the Part Time High School, recently injured by fire.

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Fitting Traffic to Streets

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5 Compilation of the major street plan, including: First: Locating principal routes of travel reaching every section of the city, and providing for the easiest possible circulation between the respective outlying sections, and between the business sections and the outlying sections, and recommending suitable widths, design, etc., for such routes; and

Second: Designation of minor streets served by major routes, but which are not so located as to be expected, in the future, to require extensive improvement or reconstruction. Such streets in many places would be very desirable for residential use because of their freedom from traffic congestion or higher speed traffic movement.

Third: Designation, where feasible, of broad, by-pass routes around congested business sections, and assignment of certain streets for construction and use as special trucking arteries.

Fourth: Designation of streets which ultimately should be widened to carry a definite number of traffic lanes, in addition to present capacities.

Fifth: Indication of streets which should ultimately be straightened, cut through, or re-graded. To provide greater freedom of traffic movement; eliminate constrictions, dead-ends, or traffic limitations and hazards.

6 Preparation of program of procedure and recommendation of steps to be taken in order of their importance. Methods of dealing with legislative, legal and financial problems involved in practically carrying out the recommendations made.

THE traffic problem is a community problem. It cannot be solved by haphazard methods, by piecemeal operation or by waiting for local demands. We emphasize what every thoughtful citizen must realize: that the policy of allowing the city to drift and develop as it may is, in the end; tremendously wasteful of resources and funds. Great cities do not hesitate to undertake extensive projects; rather do they become greater by carrying forward consistently, broad and well conceived plans, looking to their ultimate development.

A major street plan, the survey committee believes, is essential to the progress of San Francisco in the relief of present traffic congestion, and especially to meet the demands of traffic circulation in years to come.

The Juvenile Court

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It needs no argument to demonstrate that such work is a most potent means of crime prevention. Should parents co-operate in such work to the fullest, the rearing of criminals would cease almost over night. It is a work which merits co-operation and encouragement.

The writer, when assigned to this work by Judge Brady, was attracted by the words of the late President Harding, and these words have ever since been a gauge and a guide to him: "Be decent, be fair, be generous—there is good in everyone—bring out the good and never needlessly hurt anyone's feelings."

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Complaints Received on Classification Status

THE classification report of the Salary Standardization Board, completed recently, is now in the hands of the Civil Service Commission for final consideration and undoubtedly will soon be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Many complaints have been received by the Standardization Board from city employees regarding their status under the new classification, said an announcement issued on June 20 by Secretary James J. Maher of the Civil Service Commission, but only a small percentage were directed toward classification itself. The rest, he said, applied to "questions of assignment of personnel or to future salary standards under the classification."

His announcement continued: "Inasmuch as the classification is primarily a reorganization of the civil service structure which cannot adversely affect existing civil service rights of incumbents, the Civil Service Commission has directed that the Salary Standardization Board consider at this time only such complaints as concern the completeness and accuracy of definitions for the various classes."

Written complaints regarding the completeness or accuracy of the classification report were received up to 5 p. m. on June 29 by the Salary Standardization Board and were given immediate consideration.

With this completed, the report was transmitted to the Civil Service Commission for adoption and transmission to the Board of Supervisors. If approved by the latter it then becomes the basis for salary standardization.

Complaints of assignments of individual positions will not be taken up, according to the announcement of Mr. Maher, until after the action of the supervisor.

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Mr. L. Riznik has been supplying the Fire Department for the last twenty years and has the distinction of being one of the few civilians who have been admitted to the David Scannel Club.

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The Board of Education has named John F. Brady as principal of the new Everett Junior High School. Mr. Brady has been principal of the Galileo Evening High School.

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A Bank of Culture

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There are also many beautiful books which one may call for in the Library and use, some of which may be taken home. The mere glancing at the books on exhibition does not afford an opportunity of knowing what is to be enjoyed in them, unless we have something of an eye for beauty in proportion, color, design, and unless also we have learned something of the wonderful lore about the making and development of such abiding books.

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Parks and Museums

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has lived most of his life about Boston. His paintings have received many prizes, including some at the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

De Young Memorial Museum

AMONG the most magnificent gifts received in recent years by the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum is numbered the great collection of material left to the Museum by the late Dr. Morris Herzstein of this city. Doctor Herzstein, during his life, had presented a large collection of World War relics and other things to the institution, and his recent bequests include some similar objects—shells, weapons and others. However, in addition, the Museum receives a number of pieces of silver—large candelabra, picture frames, vases and flower holders, loving cups and lamps. There is also a heavy set of dining room furniture in hand-carved oak, and several mirrors and marble benches.

In the collection, too, are three Chinese black hawthorn vases; a large Japanese habachi, lacquered and inlaid with mother of pearl; a number of small ivory Japaneses carvings; several enameled vases; some Sevres plates of Napoleonic and Louis XVI periods, decorated in blue and gold; several small bronze statutes; and a collection of about fifty miniatures in enamel and painted on ivory and porcelain.

Among the most valuable of the gifts are the pic-

tures, including oil paintings, water colors, monotypes, prints, etc. There are three pictures by William Keith, three by N. Hagerup, two by C. Jonnevold, four by Granville Redmond, one by Alfred C. Rodriguez, one by Ferdinand Burgdorff, one by G. Cadenasso and a number of others. There are also five monotypes of Clark Hobart, and an etching by Whistler.

The lecture schedule for the month of July at the de Young Museum is as follows: July 1, Louis C. Towne on Colonial and Early American Collections of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America; July 4 and 8, Miss Helen Gordon Barker on the exhibits in Statuary Hall; July 11 and 15, Mr. Towne on Oriental Textiles; July 18 and 22, Miss Barker on the Chinese Jade and Sepulcher Pieces; July 25 and 29, Mr. Towne on the Exhibits in Jewel Hall. The lectures are given at 2 p. m. on Wednesdays and at 4 o'clock on Sundays. The public is always invited.

The Grand Parlor of Native Sons of the Golden West meeting at Redding recently re-elected Curator George Haviland Barron of the de Young Museum as Grand Historiographer. Mr. Barron spent his vacation beginning June 18 at his newly-acquired ranch at Lompico.

George Fuller of the de Young Museum force starts July 17 on a vacation fishing trip to the Crescent City district.

Mrs. Mary Daly will spend the first two weeks of July visiting a niece and nephew in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Anna Cain took her vacation for the two weeks beginning June 11. Mrs. Annie Hughes will spend a week beginning July 17 at her place at Rio Nido on the Russian River.

Playgrounds

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The Playground Department's Tenth Annual Tennis Tournament, in which 2144 children were entered, has been completed. The following playgrounds won in the various classes:

Girls' class—First, James Rolph, Junior Playground; second, Hamilton Playground; third, North Beach Playground; fourth, Mission Playground.

Boys' class—First, Spring Valley; second, Julius Kahn; third, Julius Kahn; fourth, Julius Kahn; fifth, Mission.

Many of the playground children are busy making airplanes to be entered in the Lindy League tournament, which will be held in the latter part of the vacation season.

Mission High Student Wins Honor

CHARLES F. GOLOBIC, a student of Mission High School, is a very fortunate young man. He was selected as one of the players in the National High School Orchestra which performed at Chicago during the National Music Supervisors Conference.

This orchestra is made up of selected students from high schools from every state in the Union, and numbers over 250 performers. It was directed by Joseph Maddy, nationally famous as a public school music supervisor, and afforded a wonderful experience for all students taking part.

Charles Golobic is Assistant Concert Master of the Mission High School Orchestra, and besides being very talented, musically, is a fine student.

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Police Department

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paign for safe driving being conducted by the Traffic Law Enforcement Board. Captain Charles Goff, at the head of the police traffic bureau, has direct charge of this police co-operation in the traffic safety drive now under way.

Six of "the finest" at the Senator Phelan ceremonies. Left to right, Everett Hansen, Bud Anderson, Fred Flynn, George Page, Edward Lynch and Charles McGreevey

Officers of the Richmond station feel keenly the loss early in June of Patrick A. McNamara, who had been a member of the department for thirty-five years. Officer McNamara died on Monday, June 11. Fellow officers of the Richmond station attended the funeral Wednesday, June 13, at the Star of the Sea Church, where a requiem high mass was celebrated.

Recent transfers announced by the Chief's office are as follows:

Effective May 3—Officers Nathan Del Monte from company B to K (motorcycle duty), Valentine McDonnell from company K to E, Harold Winkler from company E to K, Frank J. McHugh from company H to B, Frank J. Sullivan from the Department School of Instruction to company H.

Effective May 7—Officers Albert E. Bond from company F to M, Harry A. Ross from company M to F.

Effective May 14—Officers James J. Cooper from company E to G, William P. Porter from company G to E.

Effective June 11—Sergeant Joseph M. Walsh from company A to E, Corporal Patrick Hallisy from company E to A, Officers Peter Fahey from company L to C, Claude A. Avedano from company C to L, Lawrence W. Hagan from company H to L, Lloyd E. Groat from company L to H, Lieutenant Edward L. Cullinan from Detective Bureau to company E, Lieutenant Joseph Mignola from company E to the Detective Bureau.

Effective June 20—Corporals Martin Brennan from company C to I, Raymond W. O'Connell from company I to C, Officers James W. McQuaide from company H to L, Lawrence W. Hagan from company L to H.

Effective July 2—Officers John J. Collins, Company K to F, Robert B. West, Company F to K.

The Bureau of Records has moved up from Room 1 to the fourth floor and is now under the direction of Lieutenant Henry Powell who also has charge of the Pawnshop detail.

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Science Cure for Crime

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upkeep of government. But even more serious than that, is the damage done to our entire social system, to all the human relations of life, and the havoc, tragedy and grief it brings into the home, and the destruction of families, thereby striking a serious blow at the very foundation of our civilization.

Inasmuch as the American people annually spend millions of dollars to punish crime in the hope of preventing it, paying the salaries and expenses of police departments, sheriffs, peace officers, criminal judges, district attorneys and the vast army of public officials connected with these various branches of government, to say nothing of millions of dollars to maintain penitentiaries, jails, reformatories, and other places of confinement, plus the cost of maintaining prisoners and inmates throughout the United States, why do they not dedicate even a small percentage of these vast sums to the task of evolving an intelligent and comprehensive plan for crime prevention?

Such organized and comprehensive effort along lines of crime prevention should be a foremost activity of government. Our commonwealths and communities should appropriate sufficient moneys to permit intensive studies to be made, scientific investigations to be pursued, and a complete scheme of organization be established to the end that, whereas upon the one hand we have agencies for the defense of society and the punishment of the criminal, upon the other we should have, working with them, governmental agencies for the purpose of preventing the commission of crime. Up to now, very little attention has been paid by government to this work and I know of no community that has appropriated any money to carry it on.

Untold millions have been expended to create foundations for the investigation into causes of disease and their cure by medical science; we have a foundation to relieve the financial wants of those among us who are needy and who cannot be supplied by the ordinary lending of money; we have institutions for the furthering of the arts and science. Better than all of these would be a foundation for the prevention of crime, the elimination of social distress and the relief of that large and ever growing area of suffering women and children who cannot be cared for by the ordinary existing charities. Why, then, should not our government make a beginning for the investigation of the prevention of crime and social distress?

Our people with their unlimited resources should organize this movement and carry it on. With proper and sufficient support reforms will be created, a unified system of crime prevention established, a better order of society insured, economic wastage cut down, and all in all we will have made a definite and distinct forward step for the establishment of a finer civilization.

Good results in my judgment will flow from the creation by District Attorneys of a Bureau of Crime Prevention, in connection with the work of their offices, devoted to a study of how we may prevent men from becoming outlaws.

Let us learn to prevent law breaking as well as to punish for law breaking.

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Intent on eats and giving each the air.
Full many a judge adjournment oft declares
While wrangling lawyers burn the bench with stares,
As he hot-foots it to secure a seat
At fair Griselda's when 'tis time to eat.
Not only these, but each department gives
Its quota from whose pay Griselda lives.
And the reporters for the daily press
Wend here their way to add to her largesse,
Here, too, ye humble bard, not free from blame.
Hies on occasion that he need not name,
Then blames his speed for the auroral trace
He cannot hide, intagliate on his face.
No canvas rare nor wondrous burst of song
Can hold a man in bondage so complete
As the allurement of good things to eat.
For normal human quarrels not with fate
When toothsome foods on good digestion wait.
How doubly subtle then the woman's art
Who through man's stomach aims to win his heart!
Not in soft blandishments her weapon lies,
Nor languished glancing of appealing eyes,
But with the fanfare of her pots and pans
By ways assured her heart goes to her man's.
Thus with Griselda, with her limpid eyes,
Appealing strongly with her roasts and pies,
And something other I would fain conceal,
With no relation to filets nor veal—
But that toward which the appetite so tends
The last Amendment offers no amends.
One more of ours, with appetite all whet,
Goes similarly, seeking something wet,
Nor caring greatly for the sterner stuff
So of the "red" he shall be served enough.
Not that Griselda would offend the law
To meet demands of any ravenous maw
But solely, should the circumstance arise,
To fill a need through being worldly wise.
Another, wearied of monotonous feed,
At times doth follow where the others lead
And 'neath her table set his urgent feet
To tapping for the things he fain would eat.
For him no recourse to the flowing bowl,
His but the raptures of an artist's soul,
And on Griselda as he finds a chance
He throws his longings in a vaporous glance.
But she, ignoring, and with rare aplomb
On her proboscis twirls a scornful thumb.
Oh wondrous gift! The artist ever knows
The hidden meanings in a well-thumbed nose,
The while, oblivious, another sees
Only soiled digits worked to stop a sneeze!
What rarer boon than a gastronomic art
Which through the stomach thrills the coldest heart!
And what surpasseth, when the hour is near,
A foaming stein of good old pre-war beer!
Or who would cavil when the time is ripe
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AUGUST, 1928

Providing for the Future

PERHAPS the most perplexing problem before officials of San Francisco today is that of providing safe and legal means for the passage of bond issues necessary to the proper development of the city. There is no question in the minds of those acquainted with municipal affairs as to their necessity. Action, however, has been deferred until the Supervisors can formulate a plan which will permit their presentation to the people without approaching the bonding limit so closely as to endanger completion of the power and transportation programs to which the municipality is committed.

The proper solution seems to be that suggested by Supervisor Franck Havenner, namely exemption from the bonding limit restriction of securities voted for the purchase of utilities. This principle is already in effect in the provisions of the city charter which exempt water bonds. It is logical to assume that securities voted for the purchase of self-supporting utilities are not a burden on the taxpayer, and have no place within the bonding limit, a restriction designed to protect the taxpayer against overwhelming burdens and the bond holder from deterioration of his security.

For the purpose of studying this solution Supervisors Havenner and Warren Shannon and City Attorney O'Toole have been named members of a committee to study legislation now in effect in the state of Washington, known as the "limited revenues act."

While the embarrassment is a grave one it is not without its compensations. When a city grows so fast and progresses so rapidly that it is difficult to keep up with the demands for necessary public improvements, its public servants are justified in a feeling of pride. It is an embarrassment that always comes with growth, the embarrassment that afflicts the youth who grows out of his new suit and his new shoes before he fairly has them broken in.

San Francisco is now carrying on a program of public improvement amazing in its extent and in its intelligent provision for a brilliant future. It is natural that it should have problems to meet in mapping out its financial plan. But they are the problems of ambitious youth and are solved by intelligence and resourcefulness.

There is little doubt that Supervisor Havenner and his associates will find a means of providing a plan for submitting the majority of the proposed issues to the people, and there is likewise little doubt that the people, recognizing their legitimacy, will approve them at the polls, especially if the campaign of education is placed again in the competent hands of those who made so signal a success of the water bond issue in May.

Mills Field Now America's Model Airport

MILLS FIELD is no longer an experiment in municipal ownership. By unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors it is now established as San Francisco's permanent airport, owned, operated and controlled by the city, and recognized universally as "America's Model Airport."

Because of its marked success the plan of Mills Field is being used as a model by many progressive cities now developing airports.

And with the strides made by Mills Field, in keeping abreast the increasing demands of commercial aviation, the public of San Francisco has become air-minded to a high degree, while pridefully cooperating in the ambitious program of airport efficiency being worked out by the Supervisors charged with the responsibility of the big project.

At this turn in the upward swing of Mills Field to airport eminence it is fitting that due credit be given to the city officials whose hard work, clear vision and keen foresight have lifted San Francisco to a conspicuous position on the air map, where she must reap rich returns as the western terminal of America's air lanes.

Supervisor Milo F. Kent, chairman of the city's airport committee, and his colleagues, Supervisors Andrew J. Gallagher, Frank J. McGovern and Alfred Roncovieri, have labored incessantly to bring Mills Field to its present state of efficiency. In the face of many difficulties their judgment and wisdom have prevailed and they have won the unqualified support of their fellow Supervisors in each step taken to advance Mills Field to the front rank of modernly equipped airports.

SUPERVISOR KENT is known as the "Father of Mills Field." He sponsored the project in the Board of Supervisors, brought about a scientific survey of all sites proposed for the city's airport, and led the fight for the Mills Field location, which has since been designated by the United States Weather Bureau as the ideal site, from the standpoints of weather and flying conditions, within a radius of fifty miles from San Francisco. Mills Field has become a hobby with Supervisor Kent, and he devotes the major portion of his time to its business.

In passing it should be stated that the selection of Frank A. Flynn as superintendent of Mills Field, at the outset of its launching, was a happy choice. He was an instructor in the United States Army air forces during the World War, has a wide acquaintance among aviators, has kept apace with the growth of aviation, and possesses the personality, intelligence and experience required for a successful airport executive. With the progress made by Mills Field, Flynn has achieved a reputation as one of the country's foremost airport executives.

The recent National Air Tour's selection of Mills Field as the chief western stop on its 6300-mile itinerary of fifteen states, resulted in boundless advertising of the most wholesome character for San Francisco. Again the foresight of this city's airport committee caused San Francisco to be chosen as the chief western stop of the big air classic, in which twenty-two pilots of international fame competed for the Ford reliability trophy and some $20,000 in prizes.

That "San Francisco Knows How" to develop and maintain an airport second to none in the world, and equipped to meet the demands of commercial aviation, was the unanimous verdict of the twenty-two National Air Tour pilots who arrived at Mills Field July 14.

THE spotlight of the aircraft industry was trained on Mills Field during the stay of the tour flyers in San Francisco and the ability of the Mills Field staff to render them airport service supreme reflected immeasurable credit on San Francisco during that epochal event in the annals of air transportation.

As a unit the San Francisco Board of Supervisors got behind Supervisor Kent and his colleagues in their drive to land the air-tour plum for San Francisco. More than 20,000 local air fans turned into Mills Field to welcome the visiting flyers, who were profuse in

Assistant Superintendent Bart Stephens, Supervisor Milo Kent, Johnny Rogers and Superintendent Frank Flynn

their praise of San Francisco's airport.

Colonel Lindbergh, who has been making Mills Field his western headquarters, dropped into the airport during the checking of the National Air Tour flyers. Here is what he said to Supervisor Milo F. Kent and Superintendent Frank Flynn at the time:

"Mills Field is one of the best conducted and finest equipped airports I have ever seen, and you know I have seen most of them. I want to congratulate San Francisco on the marvelous development of this field. I am pleased to make Mills Field my western headquarters. I like the way you do things here and I like the way you have brought this field along."

With several flying schools training scores of pilots at Mills Field, airplane manufacturers operating agencies there, and a number of air transportation companies using the field as a base, landing and taking passengers from and to all parts of the country, on daily schedules, San Francisco's airport is going full blast all day and all night.

Despite the many improvements and expansions made during the past year the heavy demands of commercial aviation, increasing each day, have necessitated organization of a big development program that will make Mills Field perhaps the biggest and best equipped airport in the world. To finance this program Supervisor Kent and his colleagues are now sponsoring a bond issue of $2,000,000.

City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy is mapping out the new development work which will benefit transportation companies using Mills Field as a terminal, concerns operating a limited number of planes, and individual flyers. The proposed improvements provide:

1. Parking space and repair service for 400 planes, construction of additional hangars and a larger administration building, with offices for the airport officials, transport companies, and weather bureau.

2. A traffic control tower for regulation of planes, a low tower to serve as a base for the airport beacon, and complete radio and wireless service for communication with planes and other landing fields.

Arrival at Mills Field on July 14 of twenty-two planes competing in the National Air Tour for the Ford reliability trophy

3. A network of additional runways suitable for landing in bad weather and turf bordering the runways, which would provide proper drainage.

It is expected that the bond issue will be submitted to the people on the November ballot. Because of the marked public interest in the progress of Mills Field and its great advertising value to San Francisco, it seems certain that the bond issue will be adopted by an overwhelming majority.

Since the establishment of Mills Field in May, 1927, and up to July 1 last, 10,646 flights and landings and 16,667 passengers have been recorded there. The volume of business has increased steadily each month and, while the figures for July are not available yet, it it estimated that they will show the greatest gain for any month since the field opened. Not a single accident has occurred at Mills Field to date.

SUPERVISOR MILO F. KENT proved his faith in air transportation by embarking on his honeymoon in June in a plane that flew him from Mills Field to Los Angeles, with his bride, formerly Miss Margaret Eichoff. Evidencing the growing airmindness of San Franciscans more than 400 local residents took their first plane ride during the "First Flight Fete" at Mills Field, conducted by the San Francisco Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association on June 17.

The San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored the First Western Aircraft Show at Mills Field during April. It was a decided success and the biggest exposition in the history of the aircraft industry.

Hangar Number Two, built by the Stephenson Construction Company. Approximately 5000 sacks of Calaveras cement were used in laying the concrete slab in front of the hangar.

Sales Values and Assessed Valuations

From the Annual Report of Assessor Russell L. Wolden

RUSSELL L. WOLDEN
—Photo by Bushnell

IN EQUALIZATION sessions this year the Board will have for its guidance the valuation surveys made during 1927 and 1928 of the land and the buildings in San Francisco by a nonelective agency of the Board of Equalization. These surveys were not made for the assessor's office, nor were they made by the assessor's office. They were made, as the proceedings of the Board will indicate, to provide a chart of values for the assistance of the Board in its equalization proceedings.

The land appraisal report was completed prior to July, 1927. On January 16, 1928, the Board of Supervisors appropriated necessary funds in order that the assessor's office might recheck the land valuation report. The work of rechecking has progressed steadily, and sufficient headway has been made to permit expression of an opinion as to the general merit of the report. Without attempting to submit a detailed analysis I will say that the land appraisal figures have been of assistance to the assessor's office in determining the relationship between indicated front-foot "sales value" and the assessed valuations. It would, however, in my judgment, be contrary to the best interests of San Francisco for the assessor to adopt the standards of value this appraisal reflects.

It is my belief that the Board of Supervisors, particularly in their equalization deliberations, can reach a clearer understanding of the land assessment problems by a careful study and analysis of the land valuation report. The assessor's office has derived a genuine benefit by following that course.

THE building appraisal report has not as yet been made public. I have no means of determining its merit. During the time that the building appraisal was in progress I extended to the building valuation engineers who were in charge of the work every possible cooperation. The caliber of the valuation technicians under whose direction the building appraisal was conducted is such that, from all indications, the Board of Equalization should, in my opinion, have a valuable chart of values to be used in their deliberations this year.

As a general comment in connection with these appraisals: If they are to be of permanent worth in equalization proceedings they must be kept current. Land values are constantly changing, and construction costs have been known to fluctuate as much as 20 per cent in a single year. The Board will undoubtedly give consideration to the problem of securing prompt and continuing reflection in these appraisals of this constant shift of values. In view of the fact that these appraisals are intended as a check against assessed valuations it would be highly improper for the assessor's office to undertake the task of maintaining these appraisals on a current value basis—but if the work is not done the worth of these appraisals will be short-lived.

AS a result of the completion of appraisals previously referred to in this report there are of record now with the Board of Supervisors two different standards of values: one is an indication of "sales value"; the other is the assessed valuation for purposes of taxation.

The theory has been advocated before the Board that the assessed valuations should represent a definite and fixed percentage of the "sales" value.

Speaking officially, as the assessor of the city and county of San Francisco, I desire to state now—for the purpose of record—that the assessed valuations of San Francisco are not based on such a theory. The "sales" value is a factor in determining the assessed valuation, but it is merely one of a number of factors that are considered in arriving at an assessed valuation for the purpose of taxation. Among the other factors—and I am not attempting in any sense to list all of the influencing factors—are, (1) original cost; (2) present asking price; (3) income value; (4) loan value; (5) sentimental value; (6) potential use; (7) present use. These factors—and many variations of these and countless others—must be given consideration in determining the assessed valuation.

Insofar as the other counties of the state are concerned, I will say this: The statement has been made

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Heed Ye the Call of the Sick, Aged and Infirm

By FRANK J. KLIMM
President of the Board of Health

FRANK J. KLIMM
—Photo by Novack

FOR THE past three years the Board of Health, which is responsible under the charter for the administration of the city's Municipal Hospitals and the Home of the Aged and Infirm, has found increasing difficulties in caring for the sick, poor and aged. Each year the waiting list of needy persons has grown until it is now no longer a question of what must be done, but of how quickly the remedy can be applied.

Our city has experienced a large increase of population. Estimates vary. Officially we base our death rate on a population of 665,000. The telephone company, Spring Valley and other competent sources claim over 700,000.

In 1915 when our hospital was opened, we had a bed capacity of 840, and a population of less than 500,000 people in San Francisco. Our then Relief Home had less than 1100 inmates. While this latter institution has had new buildings erected, their capacity did not take into account the possibility of the growth we have experienced, and our hospital has remained practically as it was in 1915.

ONE of the most pressing problems our city faces today is that of providing increased facilities to give medical treatment and housing to the sick poor and the aged and infirm who are rightfully entitled to this care. Every patient admitted to the hospital or the Laguna Honda Home is carefully investigated by the Social Service Department of the hospital and every effort is made to keep out those who can pay or who are non-resident.

Undoubtedly a small percentage creep through because of false statements that cannot be disproved, but it is safe to say that this factor would not affect the totals. Contrary to practice in other large cities, politics is entirely eliminated.

By crowding extra beds into the wards, using solaria and forcing patients to get out often in the midst of convalescence we have been enabled to raise the bed patient capacity to 940, or 100 more than normal.

The average patient days per case in 1927 was 23.52 days as against 34 days during the five-year period of 1911-1916.

In 1919, the year following the influenza epidemic, for the first time the hospital experienced a waiting list. In 1925 there began to be an average daily waiting list throughout the year of 120 persons which steadily increased in 1926 to 171, in 1927 to 259, and for the first four months of 1928 to 271. This does not include tonsil, hernia or maternity cases.

This shows a progressive increase under normal conditions. That is, there has been no epidemic during these years to cause the increase. Therefore, it is evident that this condition must be due to a steady increase in population.

In addition to a waiting list of 275 on April 1, 1928, there were listed for operation 121 tonsil cases and 180 maternity cases.

In December of 1927, an Outpatient Maternity Service was established at a cost of $2100 a month to take care of the overload in this service of the hospital.

The following list shows the type and number of medical and surgical cases waiting admission on April 1, 1928: hernia, 18; general surgery, 34; general medical, 62; genito-urinary, 45; eye, ear, nose and throat, 35; orthopedic, 32; heart-kidney, liver, etc., 56.

Therefore, to care adequately for sick poor, we need at the present time not less than 1200 beds in order that the waiting list can be eliminated and the present wards restored to normal. This normal occupancy should only be disturbed in times of emergency or epidemic. That the city will continue to grow is conceded. Hence in preparing a plan it must include at least a decade beyond the immediate present.

Graphically charting the increase of the hospitals from 1915 to 1927 proves the need for 1200 beds, and if carried out on the same annual basis, San Francisco will need 1580 beds in 1937.

After an open forum on the subject at which representatives of many organizations, civic bodies, physicians and experts discussed the various problems, it was concluded that the time has come for the Board

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Model Fire Department for South City

By L. S. Bush
Engineer Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific

THE recent improvements in the South San Francisco fire defense system are a good example of what can be done in a city where good cooperation is demonstrated by the various departments, and where the proper methods are employed in determining what is needed.

In November, 1926, Mayor Cunningham (deceased) requested a survey of the city by the engineers of the Board of Fire Underwriters for the purpose of submitting recommendations for improvements. It is the policy of the underwriters, upon receipt of requests of this kind, to make a thorough study of the entire fire defense system so that complete and intelligent recommendations may be submitted. In making such surveys a city is compared with a perfectly protected one of the same size, and deficiency points are charged for items respecting which the city in question does not measure up to a perfectly protected one. There are some two hundred items, graded according to their importance and extent of deficiency. With a report of this kind, it is a comparatively simple matter to select the most important improvements that should be made.

L. S. BUSH

As the result of such an inspection in South San Francisco, deficiencies were brought to light. The water system was capable of delivering only 800 gallons per minute at the weakest point in the mercantile district, where 3000 gallons per minute were required for adequate protection. Many hydrants were of improper type and gate valves poorly distributed, so that a single break in a pipe would necessitate shutting from service a large portion of the city.

THE fire department was operating without rules or regulations and only one paid man was on duty at a time. Apparatus consisted only of one hose and chemical truck, although two pumping engines were required. Hose was old and not tested and the department was seldom drilled. The fire alarm system was of improper type for a city the size of South San Francisco and lacked proper protection from heavy current that might come on the system due to falling power lines, etc. Box distribution was inadequate and proper maintenance tests were not made.

Building and hazard laws were deficient, or entirely lacking in most of the important features.

Recommendations covering these points of unreliability were sent to the city officials, and this is where the perfect cooperation manifested itself. There were eighteen recommendations proposed, involving the expenditure of a considerable sum of money. The City Council, however, was not baffled by the size of the program, but went to work to find ways and means for carrying it out. Quotations were obtained from the Board of Underwriters showing what fire insurance rate reductions might be expected if all the improvements recommended were carried to completion.

HOW the bond issue passed, the agreement between the water company, the State Railroad Commission and the city were worked out, can best be told by the city officials directly interested. Let us be satisfied to take a bird's-eye view of the present protection of South San Francisco:

Flow tests taken on the system July 18, 1928, show a flow of 4380 gallons per minute available at the weakest point in the mercantile district. In most of the residential districts from 440 to 1000 gallons per minute are available, although one location was found to have only 200 gallons per minute. Hydrants are of good design and equipped mainly with gates on the connections. Rules and regulations for the fire department are now under consideration, and the paid personnel has been increased to two men on duty at all times. In place of one hose and chemical truck, there are two 750 gallons per minute pumping engines in service. A new fire station has been built and each station houses six men at night. There is a complete supply of new hose, all bearing the Underwriters' Laboratories labels, and weekly drills are held by each of the two companies.

A complete new fire alarm system has been installed in accordance with the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters with a sufficient number of boxes completely to protect the city. The uniform building code is to be adopted in the near future, which covers most of the essential requirements for construction.

It is impossible to go into more detail, in this brief space, of all departments of the fire protection system; but a report of some fifteen or twenty pages will soon be published on that subject. Suffice it to say that South San Francisco has made a marvelous improvement, but not more than any other city could do with perfect cooperation between its various departments and a thorough understanding of the needs of the city.

A huge silk Mexican flag was presented to Mayor Rolph last month by Maestro Miguel Lerdo de Tejada, son of former President Tejada of Mexico. Maestro Lerdo was accompanied to the City Hall by his thirty-five musicians. then playing at a local theatre.

Some EVENTS of the MONTH

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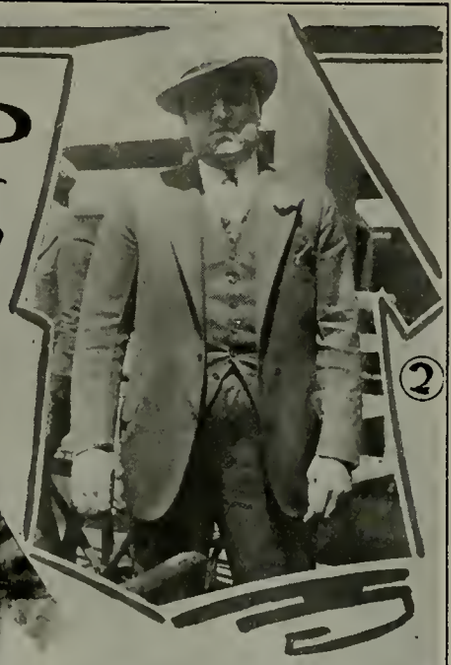

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(1) Supervisor Charley Todd is on the level at Hetch Hetchy. (2) Gus Oliva, sartorially perfect, ready to meet Jimmy Walker. (3) Assistant caretaker Earle Morris at O'Shaughnessy Dam. (4) City officials and friends on Hetch Hetchy inspection. (5) Winter at O'Shaughnessy Dam, home of caretaker Aubrey Reid, in January. (6) A happy pair, Paul Kleiber and George S. Schwarz, of the Kleiber Motor Company, on Mayor Rolph's committee to meet the Southern Cross flyers. (7) Engineer Thornton Easler at Moccasin Creek plant. (8) J. F. Casey of the Municipal Employee congratulating A. M. Peterson of Lake Eleanor Dam on his recent marriage. (9) Congressman Dick Welch at ease? (10) Official Guide B. R. Shaw at O'Shaughnessy Dam.

The San Francisco Hospital

By Mrs. Mae H. Noonan

AS ANNOUNCED last month, activities are well under way for the Thirtieth Convention of the American Hospital Association, which will convene in San Francisco's Municipal Auditorium from August 6 to August 10. An invitation is extended to all those interested in hospital administration, problems or equipment to attend the conferences. The program prepared will be valuable and comprehensive.

MRS. MAE H. NOONAN

In accordance with Hospital policy the University of California changed Internes on June 1 and the Stanford University on July 1. The Resident Physician and House Officers were also replaced by new physicians on July 1.

Dr. Donald C. Collins, graduate of the University of California, May, 1927, is the new Resident Physician. This is his third year in the San Francisco Hospital, having spent one year as Interne and one year as House Officer in Surgery.

Dr. Raymond R. Scott, Resident Physician, 1927-1928, at the termination of his service opened offices in the Flood Building for the practice of general medicine and surgery. He has since been appointed Assistant Visiting Surgeon, Stanford Service.

It was with much pleasure that David K. Change, M. D., Stanford University Interne, 1927-1928, was welcomed on July 1 as Assistant Visiting Neurologist, Stanford Service.

The following are the new House Officers: John C. Schlappi, M. D., Angeline M. Piscitelli, M. D., Frank Vieira, M. D., and Bernice Peacock, M. D., all of the University of California; J. L. Ash, M. D., from Creighton University; J. Edward Neville, M. D., of the University of Texas; William J. Grishaw, M. D., of University of Indiana; Milton Saier, M. D., Melvin R. Somers, M. D., Artemas J. Strong, M. D., of Stanford University; Murray Bates, University of Minnesota; R. S. Tillottson, M. D., of University of Pennsylvania, and C. J. Lane Falk of St. Louis University.

The Internes for the year 1927-1928 are: Albert M. Beekler, Harry M. Blackfield, S. Barre Paul and Jesse L. Brockow, all of the University of California; Perry Arther Bonar, Frederick W. Borden, James Gilmore Carson, Henry Docfoo Cheu, Anthony A. Ferrante, Morris Gordon, Richard D. Husband, Miss Madeline Johnston, Samuel M. Martins, John J. Miller, Jr., Joseph J. O'Hara, Theodore P. Shomaker, Roscoe L. Zieber and Marshall I. Mason, all of the Stanford University; Marcel R. Bedri, University of Maryland; Miss Sarah Bowen and George R. Duncan, University of Minnesota; J. Hilliard Camp, M. D., and Duncan R. Danforth, University of Texas; Kenneth Donaldson, Tulane University, New Orleans; Edwin M. Duvall, M. D., and Harry H. Jacob, University of Colorado; Carl Feldman and Joseph Langer, University of Oregon; Otto Earle Gray, Rush Medical College; J. Willis Macy and N. J. Walton, University of Iowa; Miss Jane Skillen, University of Michigan; Harold A. Sofield, Charles W. Tegge, Ardath H. Wightman and Joseph W. Lynch, Northwestern University, Chicago; Dwight L. Hood, Washington University, St. Louis.

The popularity of the San Francisco Hospital as an institution for excellent medical training is evidenced by the number of young men and women who are here from other than our state universities.

Dr. William Burkhart, who served here as Interne and House Officer, has opened offices at the corner of Twentieth and Valencia streets, this city.

Maurice Flynn, Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Tuberculosis Department, has recently returned from a most enjoyable vacation spent in Honolulu.

Miss Rose Monahan, Assistant Hospital Statistician, left San Francisco on June 16 and will not return until September 1. She is a member of the Knights of Columbus party and with this group will visit all of the principal points of interest in Europe. Postal cards from London, Paris and Rome, which we have recently received, indicate that she is enjoying every moment of this most wonderful vacation.

The Chief Dietitian, Mrs. Helen A. Douglas, has just returned after completing an automobile tour through northern California, Oregon and Washington.

Mrs. Hope McDade, Supervising Nurse in charge of the Psychopathic Ward, was recently kicked by one of her very active mental patients and following this accident was obliged to spend several days in the Municipal Ward. We are happy to say that she was not seriously injured and it is hoped that she will soon be able to return to duty.

Among the recent visitors to the Hospital were Isaac D. Rawlings, M. D., Director, Department of Public Health, State of Illinois; Dr. Ada Potter, Amsterdam, Holland; Mr. A. H. Conrad, Architect to Brisbane and South Coast Hospital Board, Brisbane, Australia.

A luncheon was given on June 25 to Dr. F. M. McPhedran of Phipps Institute, Philadelphia, and was attended by members of the Board of Health, San Francisco Hospital, and about fifty leading physicians interested in the study of tuberculosis. A lecture and demonstration preceded the luncheon.

It will be of interest to our readers to know that the greatest number of patients in the Hospital on any one day during the month was 823, distributed as follows: 448 in the main hospital, 333 in the tuberculosis department and 42 in the Isolation Hospital.

The following Municipal employees are convalescing in Ward "S": Tim O'Keefe, park commissioner; Theodore Bregg, Michael Daly, George Poole, George Curran of the Municipal Railway; Leland Kelly and Robert Hoare, board of public works; Charles Radford, San Francisco police department, and Louis Matthieson, San Francisco fire department.

Engineers Ready for Baseball Series

By C. H. STERN

THE baseball team of the City Engineers has started training for the games with the Los Angeles City Engineer's office. This year the first battle takes place in Los Angeles on August 25, and the return game in San Francisco on September 15.

C. H. STERN
—Photo by Bushnell

After the hectic games of last year we feel sure that both contests will draw the rooters out in large numbers. It is the hope of the local team that when it does go to the mat with the Southerners it will receive greater support from the employees of the San Francisco city government than it did last year. We realize that most of our coworkers were under the impression last year that we had a team that would just go through the motions. The results speak for themselves and the members of the team feel sure that the local support this year will be up to expectations.

The team will be composed of practically the same men as last year with two or three exceptions. The boys feel confident that they will bring home the bacon again this year.

It had been hoped to interest the engineering departments of other coast cities in the tentative league but so far we have met with no success. The big obstacle in such a program is the financial one. The playing of these games entails quite an outlay of money and of course the only way in which it can be raised is through the sale of tickets and by means of an advertising program. The subscribers to the program feel that it has little general commercial value so that the burden of supporting the teams is placed almost entirely on the ticket sale.

At Los Angeles last year a crowd of at least 3500 people gathered to see the game. Most of these were city employees. Our representation at the game here is better left undiscussed.

This year we do want the support of all the municipal departments. Let us send the Los Angeles team back south not only with a defeat but with the knowledge that the San Francisco team is being supported to the limit by its fellow city employees.

Bear the date in mind, September 15, and keep it reserved for the big game.

Engineers' Report Published

THE annual report of the Bureau of Engineering for the fiscal year 1926-1927, recently submitted to the Board of Public Works by City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy, has just been issued in book form for distribution to the Engineering Departments and Libraries of other cities.

The book of 104 pages contains, in addition to the description of the projects under way during the year, many interesting photographs, plans and maps.

A description of the new highways authorized under the recent bond issues is given. A resume of the Bay Bridge report of the Board of Engineers appointed by the Board of Public Works, and with whom Mr. O'Shaughnessy collaborated, is also included, together with a map showing the recommended and alternative locations.

The selection of the airport site and the construction of the field and buildings at Mills Field with the proposed additions are fully described. Included with a description of the necessary extensions and equipment for the Municipal Railway system is a discussion of the situation due to the approaching expiration of franchises of the privately owned street railways.

The progress of work on the Hetch Hetchy project during the year is described in detail as well as shown in charts and photographs. A financial statement of the Hetch Hetchy bond issue funds showing the expenditures and balances in the funds is made part of the report.

Supervisor Todd Again Honored By Municipal Traffic League

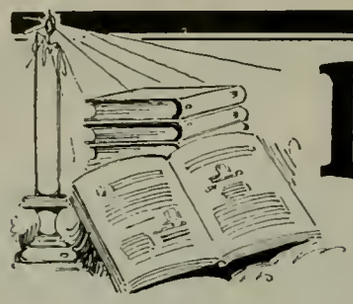
SUPERVISOR CHARLES F. TODD was again honored this year when he was re-elected president of the Municipal Traffic League of California at the close of its three-day session held in the City Hall. This is the third consecutive term during which Supervisor Todd has been at the head of the organization. San Diego was chosen as the place for the 1929 convention.

Other officers elected at the meeting were: Lewis C. Maire, councilman of San Diego, first vice-president; Howard Davis, councilman of Los Angeles, second vice-president; Walter M. Danburg, city planning commissioner of Los Angeles, third vice-president; George D. Burr, San Francisco traffic engineer, secretary.

One hundred and fifty delegates to the convention were entertained at luncheon on the closing day by Gus Oliva at the Roof Garden Cafe.

The convention appointed a committee of five to co-operate with the next legislature in securing legislation to require pedestrians to use the left sides of the highways, to require regular inspection and adjustment of brakes, to provide against excessive or indiscriminate use of boulevard or stop signs, and to provide centralized control of state and county traffic officers.

The Municipal Airport at Mills Field has been named an "Airway Station" of the United States Weather Bureau.



Public Library

The Delivery Desk

By Dorothy Doyle

"Behind the desk stand the librarians,
Bleak women, spare, angular and thin,
Impersonal as God or Death, and in
Their eyes and on each mask-like countenance

Sits changeless irony to watch your whim.
You ask for Shakespeare, and no more, no less
Than if an equal fervor you express
For something dull and dead, you get of him.

To sport with dead men as these women do—
Is it so strange they look a little mad?"

WE HAVE Howard Mumford Jones to thank for this fetching little pen picture, and I ask you, is it nice? True—the Desk Staff are seven, but, unlike Wordsworth's famous group, half of us are not in the graveyard as yet—believe it or not. Annihilating H. M. Jones will not obliterate this depressing picture from the mind but if the Desk is to assume its rightful place in the scheme of things, then it is up to its attendants to alter this impression.

DOROTHY DOYLE

To the public, the Desk is the library. It is the place it dashes for the minute the doors are flung open in the morning. Whether it is then directed to "the reference room in the front of the building on this floor" or to the registration office "at the end of this desk through the door" or to the reading room "right straight across through the tunnel" does not matter—the point is, the Desk is where it begins. Of course we on the staff know that the Desk is not the pivot around which revolves the library system; but it is self-evident the public thinks so, and are we not governed by public opinion?

Judging by the daily statistics, this promises to be the biggest year the library has yet had, by quite a large margin. The day after New Year's, the circulation reached the three thousand mark and that is counting the adult books only. Juvenile statistics are kept separately. For the first time the file has overlapped and we are obliged to use the long wooden boxes for the overflow. It is only a matter of weeks before the file will be enlarged.

As the library is our business, we should naturally consider it from that standpoint. To make a customer come in the first place and then to send him away satisfied is the object of all big concerns. Their problems and their aims are the same as ours, but between advertising and selling, the latter is the more important to us. Advertising hardly comes under the head of desk-work. Book reviews in the periodicals and current newspapers make known the new books and our monthly bulletin lists tell those we have received. Perhaps the "Reading with a purpose" pamphlets might be counted as a publicity stunt as they are named with a slogan and advertised by posters. Moreover, they are published by the American Library Association in attractive little booklets, which appeal to the public and increase interest in the various subjects included. They may be purchased through Information Desk.

To get back to the selling end. The efficient library assistant knows her stock and is always ready to suggest a substitute if the book asked for is not available. The longer she is at the desk, the more familiar she becomes with the classification and the shelves, and naturally, the more valuable she becomes to the department. If, for example, the patron seeks something not too obscure, she can send him away satisfied with-

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Entrance to Reading Room, San Francisco Public Library

Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

THE dedication of the Garden of Shakespeare's Flowers near the building of the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park was an event of July 9. The idea of a garden in which should be planted all the many kinds of flowers, shrubs and trees mentioned by Shakespeare in his plays and poems originated with Miss Alice Eastwood, Curator of Botany of the Academy of Sciences. Miss Eastwood is also the Honorary Life President of the California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association, and this organization, in co-operation with Park Superintendent John McLaren and R. J. Owens of Mr. McLaren's staff, is carrying the plan to completion. All of their names are inscribed upon the bronze plaque on the brick wall of the Garden.

This brick wall, designed by Walter D. Bliss, was presented by Senator James D. Phelan, former mayor of San Francisco. Senator Phelan also presented a bronze bust of Shakespeare to be installed in a niche in the wall. The bronze is from a bust of plaster made in 1814 from authentic sources by George Bullock and presented to the City of San Francisco by Mayor Archibald Flower of Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace. In order to secure the bronze replica a mold and new plaster cast were made by M. Earl Cummings, well-known sculptor and artist member of the Park Commission.

On the brick wall, at each side of the bust, are three large bronze plaques containing quotations from the poet in which flowers are named. These plaques were presented by various organizations and individuals. An antique Italian fountain of marble, presented by Mrs. Charles R. Johnson and by forty ladies formerly members of the Shakespeare classes conducted by Miss Elizabeth Brewer Easton, stands in the Garden as a memorial to Miss Easton. A sun dial has been installed by Mrs. Robert Haskell Collier in memory of her husband. The botany class of Miss Eastwood is to erect a stone bench in her honor in the Garden, and the association has laid a threshold stone at the entrance to the Shakespeare memorial.

GOLDEN Gate Park was the scene of the principal celebration of July Fourth. Supervisor Milo F. Kent was chairman and orator of the day. Music was furnished by Ralph Murray and the Park Band. It is estimated that a crowd of 10,000 was present. At the Civic Center a concert was given by Philip Sapiro and the Municipal Band and a fine fireworks display was an additional feature.

The contract for the completion of the addition to Kezar Stadium has been let by the Park Commission and the work is proceeding rapidly so that it may be completed in time for the big athletic events this fall.

The Board of Public Works has let contracts to pave the two one-way drives, each fifty feet wide, which form a part of the Great Highway boulevard plan from Lincoln Way to the Fleishhacker Playfield.

Superintendent McLaren is having the historic suspension bridge near the tennis courts in Golden Gate Park wrecked because he deemed it unsafe. The work

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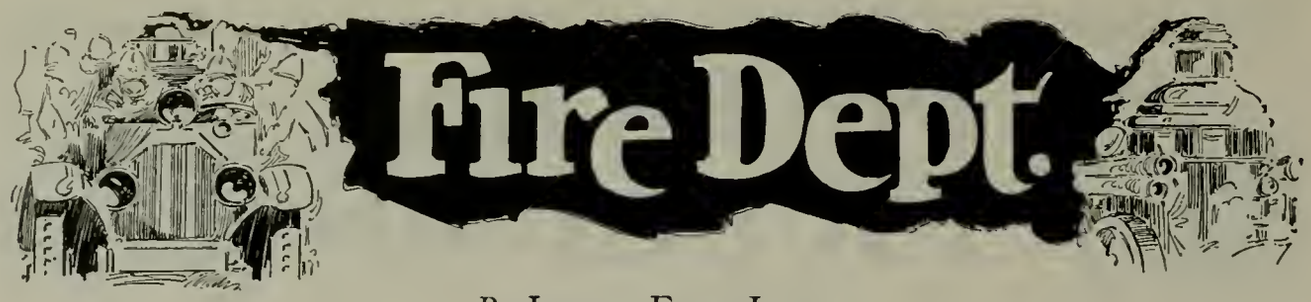
Senator Phelan presenting to San Francisco the bronze bust of Shakespeare and the beautiful wall in which it is ensconced, all set in the new Shakespearean Garden —Photo by courtesy Pictorial California



By LIEUT. FRED JONES

WELL, it finally happened, boys. McLaughlin of Engine 7, who had the pleasure of enjoying bachelorhood for a good many years, recently chartered a plane from Mills Field and flew to Reno to tie the old knot. Well, Bill, we wish you all the luck in the world and sincerely hope that you did not purchase a round trip ticket.

The dashing boys of Truck 1 are quite upset over their inability to decide whether to follow the gentle hints of Tom Brady on table etiquette or the free arm catch-as-catch-can methods used by Louie Schatz.

Crowe of Truck 11 recently purchased a beautiful radio set for friend wife. According to the boys of his company they consider it a waste of money as they claim Tim is a radio in himself, the only difference being the tubes burn out on a radio.

Cunferman, the careful driver of Engine 29, never forgets his "Dear Captain" while touring the country. John always drops a card to the Captain when away from the city.

What a wonderful opportunity the fair ones are overlooking in these two outstanding eligibles, Lieutenants Tom King and Dick Washington. They were overheard sympathizing with one another on the emptiness of bachelorhood and the benefits of married life. It is said that they have taken week-end trips to Marin County with Phil Smith. What about it, boys?

Kelleher of Engine 29, better known as Accordion Legs, advises all young men who do not care to join the army to stay clear of the vicinity of Third and Howard Streets. It is rumored that Andy came close to being signed up for four years by one of Uncle Sam's fine spielers during the past month.

Beggs of the Rescue Squad, better known as "Ming Toy," has had considerable trouble with his laundry bills of late. It seems the Chinaman has sent several of his children to collect the bill but Neil talks sweet to them, and that's that.

A box lunch war has been declared in the quarters of Engine 10. Kolby started the war by bringing his lunch in a beautiful shoe box. Since then the boys have used every kind of box from a pill box to a piano box.

Hackett of Engine 34 is contemplating touring Europe for several months this year. Looks as if the old royalty on the fishing reel is piling up, Ed.

Lost, strayed or stolen: One large box of luscious red cherries, shipped from Dunsmuir by Bess, and addressed to Truck 1. Finder kindly communicate with Buddy Lamb and receive blessing.

McElearney of Engine 14, who rivals Robert Olsen in the vocal art, has been granted a try-out on Radio Station KFRC on the morning of August 17. We notice that date falls on a Friday and have been wondering if they expect a large catch.

It is rumored in fire fighting circles that the Dashing Lothario of Engine 17, Johnny Doherty, is about to take the fatal plunge. Remember the old adage, Johnny: "A bachelor is one who looks before he leaps and then stays put."

It's funny how these kids remember away back when. Take Lee of Engine 34, who admits to thirty summers. Johnny remembers most of the bouts held in Woodward's Garden, and then some. No doubt he forgets to count his winters.

Miss Creeley, our obliging telephone operator, is back on the job after spending a very pleasant vacation at Camp Mather up in the High Sierras. As this is your second trip to the camp, Anne, let us in on the attraction. Ever try a lasso?

There seems to be quite a feeling existing between Al Conniff and Tom Brady, members of Truck 1, the two fashion plates of the department. In trying to outdo one another in setting the fashion the only result obtained, to date, is that both of them are a couple of crushed Mexicans.

Shea of Engine 12, who is an authority on Einstein's theory, recently visited the Library to consult the Encyclopedia Britannica and was given the surprise of his life when he found Tom Berger and George Wyatt of Truck 13 occupying a large table cutting out paper dolls.

Captain Bohan of Chemical 3, better known as the Luther Burbank of the Fire Department, claims to have raised a leafless dahlia. It may be so, Bill, but we are from Missouri.

Callaghan of Engine 7 is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation at Occidental. Why Occidental, Jerry; are the rates more reasonable or have they better quality?

Hayes of Chemical 4 admits that his slightly used Ford is not classed with a Hudson, but insists it is paid for. "Wow."

It is rumored around that all is not well with Jack Smith's little poker parties, staged in the Parkside District. The loudest squawk was registered by Jack's in-laws, who claim that Jack is tighter than Red Bohn of Engine 10. To calm the troubled waters Jack pried himself loose from $1.50 and spread a feed of hamburger for all at the Greasy Spoon.

Even a bad break serves to help some of us. For instance, take the terrific slump of that certain local bank stock. Well, before the happening Lieutenant "Hughie" Carr, Engine 5, was just a student; now he is the "Professor" in one of the largest numerical schools in our Department. It is rumored that some of our Chiefs are studying "Trig" and "Algebra." Anyway, the "Professor" doesn't know the answer so, in that way, no one will be sure if he has won or lost. And then the change came. The "Professor" went in for "Color Study." There might be luck in different colors but we don't know this for a certainty. What about it, Lieutenant Carr?

Bill Freeland, Engine 17, he of trombone fame, blows "musical notes" (??); Joe Ciminello, Truck 2,

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By Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien

A talk given at the Annual Convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police on the subject of "Cooperation Between the Law Enforcement Officers of the United States and Canada"

CANADA is in such close proximity to us, geographically speaking, and we have so much in common with her citizens that we are oblivious to boundary lines in the transaction of our business with each other. In fact, the police officers of both countries have levelled the invisible boundary, through their common need of making it as unsafe for criminals in the United States as it is in Canada.

The police officers of Canada have been for many years working hand in hand with the police officers of the United States, in the International Association of Chiefs of Police. By their co-ordinated efforts they have achieved much and given a splendid demonstration of what can be accomplished by such methods within the ranks of our organization. The warmth of feeling and the spirit of brotherly love thus engendered have given us a Canadian and an American working side by side in the executive ranks of this association.

Although we are citizens of, and working under different governments, we are brothers in our association, all working together for the one object, namely, the prevention of crime and the apprehension of criminals. One can go from the States into Canada and feel perfectly at home; our tastes are so similar, and we are so much alike in our manner of living.

FEW men in police work but have at one time or another faced a situation that had to be taken up with the police officials of the Dominion, the speaker being no exception, and the request has always met with a ready response, coupled with a co-ordination of effort that was bound to succeed, whenever it was humanly possible to obtain results.

On the Pacific Coast the police officers of the States have discovered that, although the boundary line between these two great countries can be readily found on the map, it does not exist in so far as association with each other is concerned. The partnership idea prevails entirely whenever we are brought into contact—in fact, boundary lines are so far forgotten by the peace officers in the northern part of the United States and southern Canada and British Columbia, that they have banded together under the banner of the Northwest Peace Officers Association.

The police officers of the Dominion of Canada are picked men who have been selected and trained for their special fitness and aptitude. For many, many years the exploits of the personnel of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police have furnished material for the authors of songs and stories, and to that organization also can be traced the origin of the famous police slogan, "Get your man."

In the days when the Northwest Mounted officer was required to cover many more miles of territory than he now has to patrol, he co-operated officially and otherwise in protecting the interests of citizens of this country who had investments in the Dominion. Taken all in all, the police officers of Canada have set an example that can well be emulated by police officers all over the world.

FOR years before the National Bureau of Identification became a part of the Department of Justice, Canada contributed to an institution of this nature that was operated by this association in the states, and it has continued to co-operate with us up to and since the time it became a Bureau functioning as a governmental institution at Washington, D. C.

There is no financial frontier between the two coun-

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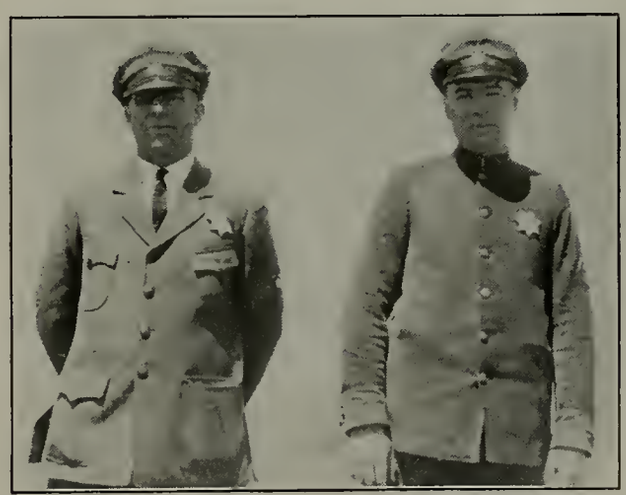

Two of San Francisco's popular traffic officers, Nathan Del Monte and Frank Buckenmeyer, snapped at Mills Field while awaiting the arrival by airplane of delegates to the Traffic League Convention.

City and County Offices

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Walter J. Martenson

THE average citizen apparently pictures the office of Sheriff solely as the guardian of the county jails and the prisoners therein. He has no conception of perhaps the most important work in connection with the Sheriff's office, namely, that of the Civil Department.

DICK FITZGERALD

With this department rests the responsibility for the proper receiving, handling and dispatch of writs of attachment, writs of execution, writs of possession, replevin actions, summons and other processes, received daily not by tens or twenties, but by the hundreds, issued not only out of the Justice and Superior Courts of this county, but out of every county in the state, and in many instances processes from other states in the Union.

The average person cannot realize what the responsibility of the Sheriff is in the proper recording and handling of this vast work and the great amount of detail in connection therewith.

Some deputies are assigned to the levying of the various writs, the placing of keepers in going concerns under attachment or execution, the seizing under writs of attachment, execution or replevin of property capable of manual delivery, such as automobiles, phonographs, radios, furniture, live stock and the like.

Another deputy handles all the real estate work and still another keeps check on the keepers in places of business and handles the sales made by the Sheriff of property levied upon and seized under execution.

With the office force rests the responsibility of the receiving, recording, handling and assignment for levy or service of the different writs and court orders, the receiving and remitting of monies collected under execution or by order of the defendant under an attachment, the receiving of bonds on release of attachment and on third party claims, the receiving and proper handling of third party claims, claims of exemption, correspondence, phone inquiries and countless other details requiring ability and efficiency.

Then there are the number of people in trouble or in distress who daily visit the Sheriff's office for help or relief. There is the man with a large family whose wages have been attached and who has not the wherewithal to procure the next meal or necessities of life for his family; the widow in the same predicament with little children dependent upon her earnings; the man or woman whose little business is about to be sold on account of obligations they are willing but unable to meet, and still others with different troubles. To send these people away happier and with a brighter outlook upon life is a pleasure to the Sheriff and his staff.

Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald recently returned to his official duties after a pleasant ten days spent in the vicinity of the Feather River. The fish were very much worried, as advance information had reached them as to his proficiency in the piscatorial art.

Billie Carr spent his vacation in the little hamlet of Fairfax and the natural beauty and grandeur about him aroused his soul to the heights of poetic greatness. Jack McGowan, the famous critic, has advised Billie to submit his work to the publishers of the Ladies' Home Journal.

It is rumored that, in the not far distant future, Leo Kasten is going on a sojourn to Europe, where he plans to take an advanced course in music under Professor Dan Flanagan.

Joe Healy, official auctioneer of the Sheriff's office, returned very much sunburned from his vacation spent in Marvelous Marin. He was for a time threatened with blood poisoning, having been bitten by a clam at Black Point.

One of the great difficulties in connection with the levying on real estate has at last been solved. Deputies have had, in many instances in the past, to resort to the use of surveyors' instruments, but this situation had now been remedied through the assistance of Charlie Radebold. Charlie has never been accused of having small pedal extremities, but it has been found that his feet are exactly three links in length, so the measurement of real estate has been greatly simplified.

THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By Louise O'Hara

DEEP sorrow pervaded the assessor's office last month as a result of the sudden, though expected, demise of O. U. R. Jobs, a rather delicate, adopted child upon whom we have lavished a tender though ineffectual care. Despite our solicitous nursing, however, it passed on, leaving woe behind.

In order to pay a proper respect to its passing it was decided to set aside a specific period of mourning, and so the foster parents gathered at a Broadway hostelry where all joined in extolling its virtues during life. Solemnly the guests gathered around the tables banked with masses of red roses typical of their passionate affection for the deceased. On either side were flowered tombstones. The place cards were tombstones also, each with a fitting epitaph, and set on small green mounds.

Between courses, or wails, the drooping spirits of the guests were awakened by recitations given by Mrs. Ella Mellars, Miss Rose Satorius and Miss Celeste Parry. Mrs. Annette Moore expressed her esthetic emotions in graceful dances. The clever decorations were the work of our talented little artist, Rose Satorius, who by the way, is on the high road

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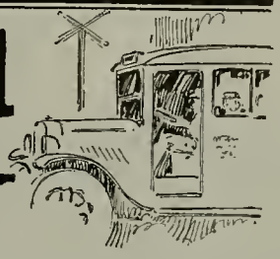
Municipal Railway



By EUGENE W. CLISBEE

EDDIE JOHNSON has closed his desk, grabbed a few packages and, in company with the wife and Edward Jr., has headed for points north for a few weeks' rest. His headquarters while north will be Monte Rio and way stations. It is rumored that Ed is very appropriately adorned in golf knickers with sweater and sox to match while cavorting on the Russian River beaches.

EUGENE W. CLISBEE
—Photo by Hartsook

Dan Guiney and Duke Ormsby, in company with their families, are spending their annual vacations in the vicinity of Guerneville on the Russian River.

Assistant Superintendent Cox is likewise enjoying his vacation on the Russian River. According to reliable reports Mr. Cox can be seen on the river at all hours of the day in his motor boat.

The Municipal Railway appears to be well represented in the Russian River country this year.

Conductor Martin C. Davis of the Potrero Division passed away on June 18. He is survived by a widow, father, three brothers and two sisters, to whom our heartfelt sympathy is extended. He was born on May 28, 1878, and entered our service on December 11, 1913. Conductor Davis was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He was a native of Pennsylvania.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of Conductor Edward C. Welch of the Geary Street Division, who passed away on June 20. Mr. Welch was born in San Francisco on February 6, 1879, and entered the service of the Municipal Railway on August 12, 1914. He was a member of Golden Gate Council No. 2507, K. C.; Redwood Camp No. 91, W. O. W.; F. O. E. No. 5, and Twin Peaks Parlor No. 214, N. S. G. W. Conductor Welch is survived by a mother, three sisters and two brothers, to whom our deepest sympathy is extended.

The sweet voice of our congenial telephone operator, Theresa Taylor, whose byword is "Courtesy" when answering calls at our switchboard, was missed for the past two weeks while she was sojourning in the southern part of the State with her family. Mrs. Taylor returned to her post with a heavy coat of tan and another slight advantage, inasmuch as she gained about five pounds while visiting in the south. She also states that quite a heat wave was encountered on her little visit to the southland. Like all true San Franciscans, Mrs. Taylor says she is glad to be back, incidentally remarking, "There is no place like home."

Motorman Tom Niland was taken suddenly ill on July 9. What at first appeared to be a slight cold unfortunately developed into pneumonia and Tom's condition was very serious for several days. We are glad to report at this time, however, that he is improving nicely at his home at 24 Palm Avenue, and is expected to be up and about in a short time.

Conductor George Curran, who was injured on June 6, is still confined in the San Francisco Hospital, and would appreciate a visit from any of the boys.

Charley Watson, our smiling machinist, has recently returned from an auto trip throughout the State. Charley says it's rather a hard matter to cover the entire State in two weeks, but it can be done with a real automobile.

We regret to announce the death of Trackman Florence Mahoney, who passed away on July 15. To his sorrowing relatives our deepest sympathy is extended. Mr. Mahoney was 62 years old and entered the service on December 11, 1914. He was a native of County Cork, Ireland. Mr. Mahoney had been in ill health for several months prior to his death.

Baseball Notes

By John W. Thomas, Manager

OUR genial southpaw, Jack Sullivan, who has been connected with the Muny Railway since October 28, 1924, recently deserted our service for a position as one of Chief Murphy's fire fighters. We surely will miss Jack as he has been hurling for our club ever since we organized several years ago, and during this time he has pitched some brilliant ball. Jack did some remarkable long distance hitting also while connected with our club, and I don't mean "maybe." We surely dislike to see him depart from our ranks.

Another of our nifty performers who severed connections with the club in order to don the uniform of the fire fighters, is none other than Tommy Curtin. Tom was appointed to the Fire Department on July 9.

The club is severely handicapped by the loss of Sullivan and Curtin, but we still feel that we can hold our own with any of the semi-pro clubs around the bay.

Ed King, who can fill in at any position on the field and at the same time give a good account of himself, is taking his annual rest from the rear platform and

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Of Interest to Women

By ANITA DAY HUBBARD

DAHLIA time in San Francisco! For the next month or so every garden and many a downtown office will bloom with the gorgeous colors of the city's official flower, so designated two years ago by the Board of Supervisors through a unanimous resolution endorsed by the Mayor.

The dahlia is especially fitted to represent our beloved old town. It is of decidedly cosmopolitan character, coming to San Francisco among the earliest floricultural pioneers, and finding here an ideal home. San Francisco has become the center of world dahlia culture, and some of the better known exports might be put in second place if the financial importance of the dahlia bulb shipments were listed along with the other exports.

BUT it is not for the monetary importance that San Francisco pays tribute to the lovely flower. The petition of the dahlia growers that led to the adoption of the flower as the city's own sets forth the reasons that justified the choice.

"Whereas, the dahlia has reached its highest perfection in the gardens in and about San Francisco, and because dahlias originated in San Francisco are grown in gardens all over the world,

"Whereas, the dahlia partakes essentially of the character of our beloved city, in birth, breeding and habit, for it was originally Mexican, carried thence to Spain, to France and to England in turn, being changed in the process from a simple daisy like flower to a cosmopolitan beauty and like many sophisticated world travelers has come back to San Francisco to find its favorite home here, where it thrives in the cool summers and the moist air of our fog-swept sandy gardens near the sea,

"Whereas, it is a robust flower, generous and able to thrive in any reasonable soil, so long as it is not too dry, and has the primitive strength and vitality of our pioneer ancestors, together with the gayety and color that no other city nor flower can hope to equal, going like our artists and poets to carry color and beauty into far climes, and

"Whereas, in its versatility, its beauty, its infinite variety of color and form, it is the very symbol of San Francisco life and of the spirit of her people,

"Therefore, we petition your honorable Board to pronounce the dahlia as the official flower of San Francisco."

As usual a gala display of the whole range of dahlia forms and colors will be shown at the Palace Hotel on September 6, 7 and 8, under the kindly auspices of the Dahlia Society of San Francisco. This is the thirteenth annual display to be put on in the Gold Ball Room of the famous old hostelry and all loyal San Franciscans should take time to compare the dahlias of their own growing with the productions of amateurs and professionals who will compete for the various prizes. The show will be open both afternoon and evening on all the days of the exhibition.

NOT a word will I say of another subject this month—but—. The art galleries are going nicely, the Summer Symphonies are drawing their justified crowds, with some of the greatest conductors in the world to play on the wonderful instrument that is called the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, so well tempered by Alfred Hertz that it responds like the perfect thing it is to the baton of other directors without limitation. If you aren't attending the summer concerts you are missing a phase of the city's opportunities that any European pilgrim would travel the world over to hear.

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P. S.—The pompon dahlias make wonderful corsage bouquets, and the larger blooms, with a bit of maidenhair for background rival the loveliest orchids, and have a far greater range of color. That's a hint for the fashionables for the coming month. Choose the prettiest blooms from your dahlia bed and see if I'm not right!

SUBSTANTIAL SALADS SAVE THE DAY IN SUMMER

By Martha Adams
The Best Foods Home Economics Service

WHILE it is true that we need less food in hot weather than in cold, the correct choice and inviting service of what we do offer our family is of even greater importance than in the nipping days when enthusiastic appetites eat without question what is on the table. Summer palates need coaxing. To meet this requirement, have you ever thought of juggling the menu a bit and moving the salad into the place of honor usually occupied by hearty steak or roast. It is a most satisfying plan, provided you choose your salad with judgment.

Naturally the main-dish salad must be more than a colorful bit of marinated lettuce. Fish, fowl, or hard-cooked eggs will gain still further food value by their satisfying dressing of Best Foods Mayonnaise, which the up-to-date homemaker keeps always as her first aid for summer meal planning. While a jar of Best Foods Bread and Butter Pickles will contribute to any summer salad that zest and snap which lifts it out of the ordinary. Needless to say the secret of good salad making is to have all the ingredients crisp, cold and inviting.

Tomato Surprise Salad

For a summer salad sure to please, we take five thoroughly chilled tomatoes (or one for each person) from the ice box. The seeds and part of the pulp are scooped out, forming a basket to hold the salad mixture. Then we take half a cup of diced hard-cooked eggs, flaked cooked fish or diced chicken, mix this with the tomato pulp and add three-quarters of a cup of cut-up cucumber. A quarter of a cup of chopped walnuts give both greater interest and food value. The ingredients are mixed together just before serving, adding a generous quantity of Best Foods Mayonnaise before filling the tomato shells with the mixture. Arranged on crisp beds of lettuce with a garnish of Bread and Butter Pickles and walnut meats and served with tall glasses of frosted chocolate or iced coffee, such a meal will stimulate the indifferent summer appetite to new zeal.

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to fame as an illustrating artist, and we wish her success.

The committee responsible for this unique entertainment consisted of Celia Burns, Rose Satorius, Mrs. Annette Moore and Ida Wells. In closing we would announce that O. U. R. Jobs was never given interment. The child has an uncanny faculty of assuming a comatose condition from which it frequently awakes.

Mrs. A. R. Bartlett gave an al fresco luncheon at her charming home at Baltimore Park to the friends who dined her before her European jaunt and about which she regaled us with the aid of the many photos taken on her trip.

We think the palm should be accorded William Thomas for some of the exquisite blooms he brings from his garden. And coming a close second is Charles Braun. His dahlias are magnificent. The office assumes a cheery aspect with the beautiful flowers which are daily contributed by the gardeners of our office, and we think they are the finest in the City Hall.

AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT

By J. Everett Sharp

CHIEF CLERK HENRY INGWERSEN has always been insistent in his strenuous fashion that the effort he has been putting forth in promotion of interest in swimming events is in reality of greater value to the city than are his office duties. A recent opinion handed down by Supreme Court Justice Hopkins of Kansas in a case involving the right of a city council to construct a swimming pool in a public park would appear to support Ingwersen's contention.

The decision is so comprehensive in its argument and conclusion that a digest is well worth reprinting here, and is as follows:

"Swimming is a universal recreation of the highest order. It is most healthful, invigorating and agreeable exercise.

"It has an economic as well as a social value in conserving health. It strengthens one's lungs, because it compels deep breathing.

"It strengthens the nervous system, because it induces natural sleep. It strengthens the spine and enlarges the chest, because it causes the head to be thrown back and the chest out.

"It strengthens and sets right the pelvic organs, because the body is in motion on the horizontal plane. It strengthens the skin and prevents the growth of gray hair.

"It reduces the corpulent and rounds out the attenuated. One forgets his business cares while swimming, and thus it helps to preserve his mental balance as well as his muscular symmetry.

"By correcting tendencies to weaknesses in various ways it improves one's temper and disposition, for "a healthy liver maketh a cheerful man." It relieves the strain on the human constitution caused through inactivity.

"There is no better exercise than swimming to offset the evils of a sedentary life, as it brings into activity every muscle in the body without any undue strain on any one set of muscles.

"It keeps the muscles supple, enlarges the diaphragm and the thorax, wards off tuberculosis, straightens the spinal column, corrects humpback and the evils that arise from the use of improper clothing. It strengthens the skin, the muscles of which are brought into action, being released from the weight and tension of heavy garments."

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The Auditor is just now undergoing the inconvenience of missing molars, having had all of them extracted. He insists, however, in putting in his full time at the office, the change being barely noticeable.

Among the causes of an atmosphere of emptiness pervading the outer office is the departure last week for Boston of Mrs. Ileen Hannen on a vacation leave of a full month. Upon leave-taking she remarked to this editor, "While I was not actually born in Boston, I lean toward the culture of the Hub. Therefore, you can see that my name stands not alone as a cognomenical appellation but is as well significant of an attitude." One of her activities during her eastern visit will be definitely to determine the truth or falsity of the report that there are man-eating sharks in the old Back Bay where, being a pupil of Henry Ingwersen's, it is her intention to swim.

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Jack Lewis is back from his vacation, renewed resilience in his step and a shade of brown upon him from his loitering in the sun. This marked rejuvenation which annually takes place has stirred this editor to a deeper introspection from which there has evolved the following:

Why should Jack Lewis to the mountains hie
And through a fortnight stay in cool retreat,
While round his desk there hangs the query "Why?"—
Lurks there some secret one should not repeat?

Nay. On his ranch in the Los Gatos hills
Cretaceous shale is present in its soil
And Jack concludes that this will cure his ills
If he can get the jack to drill for oil.

And so he sits and dreams, as many have before—
Upon the heights he sees dream-castles rise,
Reared from the riches his fair hillsides store,
Then comes back to his toil with sullen eyes.

VETERAN TEACHER PASSES

Miss Helen B. Wright, a teacher in San Francisco's public schools for thirty-eight years, passed away on July 24. Her funeral was attended by hundreds of fellow-teachers and former pupils who sincerely mourned her passing. At the time of her death Miss Wright was principal of Hunter's Point school.

Answering a fire alarm at Church and Market streets early in July three firemen were injured in a collision with a Board of Works truck. They were Louis Matthiessen, J. C. McDevitt and Frank Lamey. The Board of Works truck was driven by William Colbert, who was uninjured.

Heed Ye The Call of The Sick

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FRANK J. KLIMM, President of San Francisco's Health Board, is a perfect type of the successful young business man who, with the multifarious demands upon him from his business and social duties, nevertheless finds time to act as a good citizen and bear his share in the affairs of his city. His long record of service on the health board, first as a member and more recently as president, bespeaks the regard in which he is held.

of Health to go before the people with a bond issue to meet the cost of expansion, to take care not only of the present crisis, but to be able to handle the inevitable growth for at least the next ten years.

It is important to remember that, with the increase in numbers of indigent sick, there comes a proportionate increase of certain special forms of illness, such as cancer, the various psychoses, the mentally ill, and the aged chronic sick, and naturally an increase in the resident medical and nursing staff with its quota of institutional help, such as wardmen, porters, orderlies, etc.

THE present site of the hospital is crowded and to attempt to erect more buildings thereon will reduce sunlight and the garden space of the hospital compound, both of which add materially to the peace, comfort and convalescence of the patients; therefore it was considered essential to acquire additional lands on which to erect the new units to treat cancer, the psychopathic cases and house the School of Nursing and future ward buildings.

The St. Catherine's Home site and adjoining vacant property on Potrero Avenue are the logical as well as most suitable areas for this purpose. The cost of acquiring these lands will be about $450,000.

The modern practice and humane handling of the mentally ill demands an immediate change of our present obsolete system of treating all mentally sick as police instead of hospital cases. In one small ward in the San Francisco Hospital we have been able to restore to normalcy over 40 per cent of the cases referred from the detention ward in our Central Emergency Hospital. When we consider that their stay in our hospital is less than three weeks, this high percentage of restoration would be surely increased in a modern psychopathic hospital, and it would afford to every case the advantage of careful diagnosis and study before the all-important sentence to a State Lunacy Institution is rendered.

The consensus of opinion of the special advisory committee is that a unit of 150 beds should be constructed, the cost of which is estimated at $425,000.

The Board of Health proposed to care for certain cases of narcotic addiction as part of the handling of the psychopathic work of the future.

NEW YORK, Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit and a number of other large cities have a cancer institute. Our city is lacking in this and we in San Francisco have the highest cancer death rate in the United States. Many cases do not come to treatment until necessity drives them to it, because our hospital cannot properly handle them and those that do come, must, after their first care, be sent to the section of the Laguna Honda Home called "The Last Chance."

We urgently need not less than 150 beds with modern deep X-ray therapy machines, additional radium equipment and laboratory facilities where cancer in its early stages can be cured, and where helpful palliative treatment can be administered in the terminal stages, and where hope can be held out and suffering mitigated, and above all, where scientific study may evolve a positive cure. The cost of this unit and equipment is estimated at $425,000.

With the increase of the population of our city, there will naturally come an increase of the aged and infirm, and those aged who are termed chronic invalids and certain aged senile persons who need infirmary, but not acute or intensive hospital attention.

When the present new buildings of the Laguna Honda Home were opened in December of 1926, this institution had 1200 beds for the ambulant aged infirm and an infirmary with 360 patients, about 120 of whom are permanently bedridden, or a total bed capacity of 1560. At the time however, there were only 900 of the ambulant type, or a daily average of both classes of inmates of 1260 were in this institution.

During 1927 due to economic conditions and the increase of population, the need filled practically the new buildings and added over 200 to the Infirmary so that there has been a daily average of over 1500 and a waiting list on April 1, 1928 of 147. Of this number, 120 are now precariously living with friends or being cared for by social agencies.

Adequately to take care of the present needs, the Laguna Honda Home should have the wing originally planned as part of the new structures, but which, because of insufficient money, was not built, and to take care of the normal increase based upon the growth for the past five years, there should be constructed two additional wings, making three new units of 150 beds each. This we believe adequate to carry the Almshouse problem for the next ten years. The cost of this has been estimated at $750,000. To equip these properly will cost not less than $75,000, or a total of $825,000.

WHEN the hospital was opened in 1915, it included a home for the training school for 100 nurses, and quarters for thirty graduate nurses. We have today 107 pupil nurses receiving $12.50 and maintenance but because of a lack of housing facilities no additional students can be accepted.

With over 900 patients to care for it is necessary to employ graduates at $100 and maintenance per month. At the present time we have on our payroll 97 graduate nurses, of whom 72 are paid $25 a month to live out of the hospital, costing a total of $11,500.

If we can construct a new School of Nursing building that would accommodate 300 nurses it would reduce the cost of nursing at least 60% and give an equally efficient service by substituting student nurses for salaried graduate nurses, effecting a saving of over

$5000 per month, or $60,000 per year, an amount that in twelve years will pay the estimated cost of such a building which the appraisers believe can be constructed for $650,000.

For the information of the public, we can show by comparison that in eastern hospitals the ratio of employees to patients is much greater than in our hospital, and the following is a fair illustration.

The city of Buffalo, New York, has a population which is practically the same as that of San Francisco and its city hospital has carried about the same number of patients for 1927 set forth as follows:

Patient Load	*Buffalo*	*San Francisco*
Minimum	783	813
Maximum	933	935
Average	855	855
Ratio of employees to 100 patients:		
Minimum	78	77
Maximum	93	83
Average	84	80

In our budget for 1928-29, we are requesting an average of 81 per 100 patients. The apparently high ratio of personnel is accounted for in that it is based on the fact that the employees consist of every type from medical staff down to wardmen, orderlies, etc.

FROM the splendid results in handling tuberculosis at our Health Farm where only forty patients can be accommodated and, where, at an elevation of 600 feet, we are above the fog line and dampness and have experienced 100 more days of sunshine than the city had during 1927, we are convinced that the whole problem should be removed from the city hospital to the Health Farm, retaining only a sufficient number of beds for tuberculosis in the General Hospital to care for the emergencies, the surgical types until operation is completed, and the very last stage cases or perhaps 50 or 60 beds. The rest of the cases should be given the chance and the advantages of the climate and open air possibilities we now give to the incipient and arrested cases.

The Board of Health therefore recommends the completion of the Tuberculosis Preventorium and Hospital at the Health Farm for 500 beds, not less than 150 beds to be for children. The cost will approximate $1,350,000.

The removing of the tuberculosis patients to the Health Farm will give approximately 300 beds to the hospital which can be further increased by 75 beds by adding two stories and a roof ward to the women's wing of the T. B. Hospital, which is estimated will cost when equipped $200,000. This building was designed to carry this load.

THE Central Emergency Hospital in the Civic Center has outgrown its present capacity and should be increased to double its size. There should also be considered in this program the erection of a building large enough to house the central office of the Board of Health on city owned land in the Civic Center adjacent to the present Emergency Hospital in fulfillment of original plans. This will save the city $9840 per year now paid as rent for the present quarters on Mission Street. The cost of such a building will be approximately $600,000.

After several meetings with special committees of experts on each of the projects outlined above, it was decided as being necessary that a bond issue be placed on the ballot this year for a sum not to exceed $5,000,000 summarized as follows:

I. Completion of Tuberculosis Preventorium at the San Francisco Health Farm to accommodate 500 patients of whom not less than 150 beds shall be for children.
Estimated cost $1,275,000
Equipment 75,000
$1,350,000

II. Construct Psychopathic building, capacity 150 beds, (a portion of this structure to care for drug addicts).
Estimated cost ..... $ 400,000
Equipment 25,000
$ 425,000

III. Construct a Cancer Institute capacity 150 beds, with Laboratory and necessary X-ray and radium treatment apparatus.
Estimated cost ..... $ 400,000
Equipment 25,000
$ 425,000

IV. Construct new Home and Nurses Training School with a bed capacity of 300 beds.
Estimated cost ..... $ 600,000
Equipment 75,000
$ 675,000

V. Acquire additional lands, particularly St. Catherine's Home and adjacent vacant property for the purpose of carrying out the present plan of extension set forth in the Bond Issue program.
Estimated cost ..... $ 450,000

VI. Construct three units as additions to the Laguna Honda Home giving 450 additional beds to that Institution.
Estimated cost ..... $ 750,000
Equipment 75,000
$ 825,000

VII. Enlarging the Central Emergency Hospital, including a Health Center Building on lands now owned and apportioned for that purpose in the Civic Center.
Estimated cost ..... $ 550,000
Equipment 50,000
$ 600,000

VIII. Additional stories to be added to present Tuberculosis Hospital on San Francisco Hospital site.
Estimated cost ..... $ 200,000

The total estimated cost of this program is $4,950,000, and if carried will enable the Board of Health properly to care for the sick poor, the tuberculous and the helpless aged and infirm for a period of ten years or more. At the end of that period new conditions and new problems which cannot be forecast at this time, will point the way for future expansion.

It will effect a saving of over $600,000 a year in the nursing service, $25,000 a year in Outpatient Maternity Service and nearly $10,000 a year for Central office rent, or a total of $95,000 yearly.

Municipal Organizations

OFFICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

By William T. Bonsor

AFTER running around in circles for over two years seeking relief for employees who are forced unnecessarily to pay premiums on surety bonds by various city departments, we find that it will be necessary to submit to the people this November a charter amendment giving the needed relief.

WILLIAM T. BONSOR
—Photo by Bushnell

Two years ago we were of the opinion that the best solution to the problem would be a charter amendment but were told by the then judiciary committee of the Board of Supervisors and the city attorney that a resolution would be ample. We find now that the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors will not deal with the question in that manner because of the wholesale bonding that might be sought if the city paid the premiums under existing charter provisions.

Many employees are now bonded who do not handle a penny for the city. Those who do handle money are also bonded. These employees have to pay the premiums from their salaries even though the charter protects elective officials against such an injustice. The government and private employers pay the premiums on all surety bonds when exacted of their employees and San Fran Francisco should do the same. Everyone seems to be agreed upon this policy but it seems that the charter must be amended to bring about the needed result.

The proposed charter amendment, which is now being drafted for submission to the Board of Supervisors and its judiciary committee, will provide that the city pay all premiums on surety bonds exacted of its employees in all departments and that the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors shall pass on each and every bond exacted with the final determination as to whether the bond is necessary. This procedure will eliminate unnecessary bonding of employees.

We find that the Civil Service Commission is determined to proceed with classification in an arbitrary manner as to procedure. We have let it be known that unless the procedure is adhered to as expressed in the charter the whole unworkable scheme will be placed before the courts for determination.

The commission intends to add a third step in procedure while only two are provided for in the charter. The Board of Supervisors in the charter is given the final determination in the two steps provided in the organic law. The commission proposes to drop the employees in their respective places, as they view it, after the Board of Supervisors has concluded its labors. If this most important part of the whole situation be left for arbitrary settlement without argument or appeal after the supervisors conclude their work the whole scheme would be placed in effect almost before those involved knew what it was all about. It would surely be running along the line of least resistance.

Fortunately, however, the charter and its intent does not permit of such procedure. Great care was taken in 1924 that the Board of Supervisors have the last word in placing in effect the two steps provided in the law.

Permit us to call attention to just one of the situations faced in the so-called classification. Receivers at the Municipal Railway handle the receipts of the railway in just such a manner as are the funds of the various city departments handled by their respective clerical forces. Cashiers are clerks and come from the clerk's list. The Standardization Board classified the receivers as clerks even though, some time ago, the Civil Service Commission at the insistance of Superintendent Boeken placed the positions at the disposal of inspectors. This was because the superintendent wants the railway run and operated from top to bottom by motormen and conductors.

The commission insists that motormen and conductors are clerks by their final determination that inspectors do the work of these receivers who are cashiers. Mr. Boeken says that this method of classification permits of employment of cheaper labor for these positions. We are quite convinced that this injustice will not be included as the final status of receivers.

VETERAN FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By John S. Farley

THE Veteran Firemen's Association of San Francisco, Inc., held its regular monthly meeting July 3 in its hall at 368 Fell Street. First Vice-President Charles Cullen presided. All officers except President Brown and Director Nichols were present. Sick reports were received and John Hart was admitted to membership. The semi-annual report of the Recording Secretary was approved.

The committee in charge of the picnic to be held Sunday, August 5, reported progress. Receipts announced were $318.45, and disbursements as per bills rendered, $870.23. Many improvements are being made in the hall.

The meeting adjourned out of respect to the memory of late Comrade John Doherty.

San Francisco's Mountain Playground Is Host to Thousands During Summer

By Veda Beresford Young
Secretary Playground Commission

AS THE popularity of the Municipal Camp at Mather has spread accommodations for more people have become necessary. During the past year the Playground Commission has erected twenty-five additional cabins, each having a capacity of four people.

To accommodate this increase in patronage it was necessary to make the dining-room and kitchen adequate, economically and conveniently to serve an increased number of guests. After consulting the more successful managers of restaurants and cafeterias of the city, a semicafeteria system of serving was adopted. The result is a scientifically planned dining-room and kitchen equipment in which a minimum personnel is able rapidly and conveniently to serve a peak crowd. In this matter particular pains were taken to design a type of service that would make the food as attractive to the guests as possible. To augment this service it was necessary to install an electric bake-oven, which permits the baker to supply constantly a fresh supply of delicious bread, rolls, pies and cakes.

Recognizing the fact that we would be called upon to accommodate larger crowds each year, we erected three modern washrooms and installed a laundry section for the convenience of families.

SANITATION, which is of prime importance in any community, could not be neglected, so a modern septic disposal plant was built. An adequate supply of mountain water was piped from the mountain springs above to furnish the camp with an ample supply of cold, clean drinking water.

This increased layout required some additional clearing of dead timber, but particular pains were taken to leave all natural growth to preserve the sylvan atmosphere of the site.

To accommodate our guests, as well as the auto campers of the region, the commission also provided a store located near the camp gate which carries all supplies and commodities necessary to the comfort and convenience of the camper in the district.

These improvements were not only made to take care of subsequent additions, but to provide for the citizens of San Francisco a mountain camp second to none.

Everyone who has been to camp this year has been very enthusiastic about the various activities provided, especially the camp-fire and evening programs.

Hershall Campbell, who is the assistant manager at camp, and one of our experienced playground directors from San Francisco, is in charge of this feature along with his other duties.

Each evening the program varies: minstrel shows, short plays and dramatic sketches, mock court scenes, stories, readings, vocal selections and musical numbers, tales of round-the-world travel by some of the excursionists, nature lore, astronomy, and community singing are held from time to time, and bring happy, active days to a joyous close.

The children are having the time of the

The Tenth Annual Tennis Tournament of the San Francisco Playground Department, in which 2144 children were entered, has recently been completed.

The city champions in the various classes are as follows: Girls, Class I, Thelma Anderson of James Rolph Jr. Playground; Class II, Alice Freitas of Hamilton Playground; Class III, Eleanor Resighini of North Beach Playground; Class IV, Genevieve Grant of Richmond Playground; Class V, Ruth McNaughton of Mission Playground. Boys, Class I, Angelo Lisetti of Spring Valley Playground; Class II, Jack Stewart of Julius Kahn Playground; Class III, Joe Carrigan of Julius Kahn Playground; Class IV, Fred Haas of Julius Kahn Playground; Class V, William Mitchell of Mission Playground.

The tennis trophy and the various certificates and awards to be given to the winners will be presented some time in the near future. Announcement of this will be made later.

Meal Time at Mather

By George H. Allen

IT STILL lacks twenty minutes before the chef will open the swinging door and give the signal that

open air pool, located at 19th and Angelica streets, one of the two maintained by the Playground Commission. Suits, towels, and the use of the pool are absolutely free of charge.

tells us all "to come and get it." But already there is a little group congregated on the broad veranda and they watch with ill-concealed anxiety the many evidences of preparation that are visible through the windows and screened doors.

Out of the cook rooms come appetizing aromas that, wafted by the gentle breeze through the group, cause a stir and bustle and a hasty consultation of watches. Inside, the buss boys flit around piling trays and dishes. A table is aligned, chairs are moved. To the group outside, now growing larger every moment, all these little movements "have meanings all their own."

Someone coaxes a soothing melody from the piano in the corner. It does not soothe. No one can think of music. Conversation is strained and hasty. It turns mostly on menus and the coming bill of fare.

Through the immense sugar pines two late bathers flit across the background in mad haste to change clothing and make the door before the appointed time arrives. Doors are opening in cottages and sending forth hungry occupants. From all sides now come the famished ones, not one ashamed to show symptoms of healthy hunger and to hurry the steps to the dining hall.

Old Joe Bush, camp caretaker, hunter, trapper and backwoodsman, leans against a tree, puffing his old black pipe with a curious smile on his weather-beaten countenance as he watches the hungry throng now overflowing the veranda and filling the many seats built around the big trees. Two flappers hurrying from a near-by cabin see him and change their course to his side. They question him about the bear that tried to collect a supper from the cook-shack the night before. Little excited squeals and giggles can be heard as Joe tells the story. He illustrates with outstretched arms and, with the setting at hand, no difficulty is met in picturing Bruin.

Suddenly a cry, "Supper." It echoes through the group. The door is opened. His Royal Highness the chef steps out. He takes the iron bar and hits the hanging steel triangle a bang. Its musical note peals through the trees. Now the hungry ones pour through the opened doors, every face alight with a smile of delight.

Supper is served at Camp Mather.

Parks and Museums

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of constructing a twenty-foot underpass to serve the same purpose is in progress. This underpass will join the walk from the tunnel under the Main Drive in front of the conservatory, and will terminate alongside the tennis courts.

Devotees of "barnyard golf" will be glad to hear that Mr. McLaren has instructed Foreman J. Skinner to add three new horseshoe courts to the five already in use in the protected corner of the Park near Fulton and Stanyan streets. Grandstands are to be provided also.

A huge crowd celebrated "Horse Day" on July first at the Old Stadium in Golden Gate Park. There were ten events, including trotting, running and hurdle races and a relay race. Dr. T. R. Creeley and Charles F. Golledge were in charge.

The Society of Gideons were honored in Golden Gate Park last month by a formal "Welcome" executed by Foreman J. Skinner and his crew in a bed of flowers near the conservatory. An open Bible formed part of the beautiful design. The Gideons' convention brought 400 members to San Francisco and a great crowd of them and their friends attended an open air meeting in Golden Gate Park on July 22.

Succeeding the Gideons' formal welcome, Foreman Skinner has now installed an elaborate design in the same place in honor of the American Hospital Association, whose convention starts on August 6.

Captain B. P. Lamb, Secretary of the Park Commission, spent his vacation on a hunting and fishing trip to the mountains.

Julius Girod of Mr. McLaren's office is telling fish stories as a result of his vacation in Sonoma County.

Roy Johnson of Foreman Albert Chaquette's crew in Golden Gate Park spent the month of June on a long automobile journey with his nephew, H. P. Stow, visiting Death Valley, Grand Canyon and other places in California, Arizona and Nevada; a wonderful trip, Roy says.

Paul Bohm, foreman of the section of Golden Gate Park near the water works, spent his vacation with his grandchildren in Riverside County. He went by automobile and was accompanied by Mrs. Bohm.

Peter Barizon of Paul Bohm's crew spent a two-weeks vacation at Palo Alto, where he took his son for the latter's health. The elder Barizon's great-grandfather was a soldier in the Grand Army of the Emperor Napoleon on the fateful expedition to Russia, when he entered that country with an army of 600,000 and came out on the retreat from Moscow with only 36,000. Barizon, though a Frenchman, then settled in Austria, in a part that is now Jugo-Slavia.

Pat McHugh, the Game Warden of Stow Lake, has turned out the new white swans from their temporary confinement on the islands and they are now at large on the lake and exciting the admiration of many visitors. The black swans and the white ones together make a beautiful picture on the water.

Foreman J. Skinner with his wife and daughter leave early this month for a vacation trip to Nevada.

L. Allen, Charles Poch and F. Sendrock of Nurseryman Peter Rock's department have been away on vacations.

Erick Walther has returned to work at the nursery in Golden Gate Park.

The sympathy of Park employees is extended to Ray Brandon, whose wife was drowned in San Francisco Bay recently. The funeral was held on July 14. Mr. Brandon is the manager of the concessions at Fleishhacker Playfield, under the direction of Playground Superintendent W. V. Belding.

W. Turner of Foreman R. J. Owens' crew spent a two weeks' vacation in British Columbia.

Paul McHugh, who has charge of the larger animals in Golden Gate Park, is very proud of his half dozen young elk.

Children's Playground Superintendent W. V. Belding has installed new counters and other equipment to enlarge the facilities for candy and "hot dogs" at the Playground in Golden Gate Park.

R. J. Owens, foreman of that part of Golden Gate Park surrounding the Music Concourse, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation at Palm Springs, near San Diego, last month.

De Young Memorial Museum

THE program of semi-weekly lectures will continue at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum throughout August. The talks are given on Sundays at four o'clock, following the band concerts in the Music Concourse of Golden Gate Park, and on Wednesdays, beginning at two o'clock. The public is invited.

On Wednesday, August 1, and Sunday, August 5, Miss Helen Gordon Barker will discuss the exhibits in the gallery of musical instruments. On Wednesday, August 8, and Sunday, August 12, Louis C. Towne will lecture in the ceramics galleries, in which are collections of Oriental, European and American pottery and porcelain. On Wednesday, August 15, and Sunday, August 19, Miss Barker will speak in the Hall of Antiquities, which includes exhibits of Roman, Greek, Egyptian, and American material of ancient times. On Wednesday, August 22, and Sunday, August 26, Mr. Towne will talk on the arms and armor collections, and on Wednesday, August 29, Miss Barker will speak in Statuary Hall.

Miss Elizabeth E. Holmes, Assistant Curator of the de Young Museum, spent her vacation recently visiting friends at Santa Monica and other points in southern California, returning home by automobile.

Miss Genevieve Kerwin, secretary to Curator George H. Barron of the Museum, sojourned for a week, during July, at Rio Nido.

Henry J. Trost, taxidermist of the de Young Museum, went by airplane to Hollywood for his vacation. He was accompanied by his sister, but it is rumored that a movie queen has something to do with his not infrequent trips to "cinema headquarters."

Charles A. Clanton took his vacation during the month of July.

Legion of Honor Palace

JULY was a memorable month at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor. Dr. Archer Milton Huntington of New York City, whose gifts to the museum have been so magnificent, has handed to

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DIVORCES GAIN ON WEDDINGS

The annual report of County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy submitted last month to Mayor Rolph revealed that 3326 divorce actions were filed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, an increase of 268 over the preceding year. Marriage licenses for the same period were 7161, a decrease of 834 compared with the fiscal year preceding.

EDWARD F. BRYANT
—Photo by Bushnell

Tax Collector's Office Wins Honor For Efficiency

IN 1914, when Edward F. Bryant assumed the duties of Tax Collector the number of tax bills were 100,000 and the amount charged was a little over $11,000,000. In 1927 there were more than 124,000 tax bills and the amount charged was more than $26,000,000. In 1914 the number of licenses issued amounted to 54,748, while in 1927 they amounted to 93,460. In spite of this great increase, under the administration of Mr. Bryant there has been practically no increase in the number of employees.

Mr. Bryant has done away with old and antiquated ideas, and inaugurated a modern and efficient system for the collection of taxes. Instead of two or three cashiers to attend to the needs of the public, there are today twelve and fourteen, so that the taxpayer is not obliged to stand in line for the opportunity of paying his taxes.

Every Grand Jury since has endorsed the system and praised the administration of this office.

After an audit of the books by a certified public accountant, authorized by the Board of Supervisors, the accountant said that, under the administration of Edward F. Bryant, the Tax Collector's Office of the City and County of San Francisco, had the best system and was the best conducted office of any of its kind in the states of Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California. The accountant had audited the books of the tax collectors in these various states.

In fact the system of accounting has been pro-

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nounced by experts to be the best they have even seen. The fact that in fourteen years there has never been a difference of a single cent in the settlements with the auditor, speaks well for the system, nor has the tax collector during all this time ever been called upon to deposit a single cent with the treasurer after the books have been audited by the auditor.

The total amount of money collected and deposited with the treasurer, during the administration of Mr. Bryant has been over $264,000,000, and that without the loss of a single cent. These collections have been: From real estate taxes, the sum of over $248,000,000; from licenses, the sum of over $11,000,000; from Twin Peaks tunnel assessments, the sum of over $4,000,000; from Sunset tunnel, the sum of over $1,000,000.

Besides the work required for the collection of taxes and licenses there has been collected and accounted for more than $4,000,000 from the Twin Peaks tunnel assessment, and more than $1,00,0000 from the Sunset tunnel assessment.

Painless Parker Backs Cupid Munson

SEVERAL weeks ago a local newspaper carried a story in which Grant ("Cupid") Munson made the statement that brides are better looking these days than in days gone by and that he believed it is because women take better care of their teeth in this day and age.

In commenting upon this, Dr. Painless Parker, founder of the E. R. Parker system of dentistry, says that not only the appearance of modern women has improved, but their health as well.

Dr. Parker went on to say that there is no longer any excuse for neglected teeth; that his organization as well as others has brought good dentistry within the reach of every pocketbook.

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HARRY LE PLA'S great grandfather assisted Thomas Jefferson in the little matter of the Louisiana Purchase, so it may be said that Harry comes naturally by his job of purchasing agent for the Spring Valley Water Company. History tells us that Harry was born in La Salle, Illinois, on the last Thursday in November, but fails to mention the precise year. Research, however, would uncover the date, since it was the year that a President of the United States proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day. It goes without saying that a national Thanksgiving was proclaimed that year because Harry LePla had come into the world.

HARRY LE PLA

Harry's last name is French and before the family left the land of grapevines it was spelled LePlaux. The last two letters of the name were lost on the boat coming to the United States and though advertised for, have never been found. As Harry is a typical purchasing agent and believes in economy in all things, the shortening of his name pleased him mightily.

As purchasing agent for the largest privately owned water system in the United States, Harry has had no mean job. During the morning's work he buys a million dollars worth of sixty-inch steel pipe, half a dozen motor trucks, a few gross of water meters and other odds and ends. Although he keeps two rooms full of office records, he has a card index in his mind wherein are tabulated prices, discounts, weights and measures, inventories and the eccentricities of salesmen.

Being of an easy-going good humor in spite of his nerve-wracking job, he can smile or laugh at the same ancient wheeze told by five different salesmen in the course of a single day. He can have his back slapped without wincing. He never coughs when a salesman blows inferior cigar smoke in his eyes. He reserves his own opinion but says nothing when a salesman puts his feet on the desk. As he very rarely chances the smoking of the gift cigar his throat is in good condition and his voice is clear for the breaking of bad news. All in all, Harry may be said to have mastered the art of being happy though a purchasing agent.

On account of his gifts of personality and business the Purchasing Agents Association made him president, and he filled the lofty chair with dignity, unbending of course on Jinx night.

Harry believes with some of the ancient philosophers that man is a social animal and it is said by those who have been privileged to penetrate into his hours of relaxation that he plays a mean game of casino. There is no question that in his job with Spring Valley he has done a good deal toward making water an acceptable if not a popular beverage.

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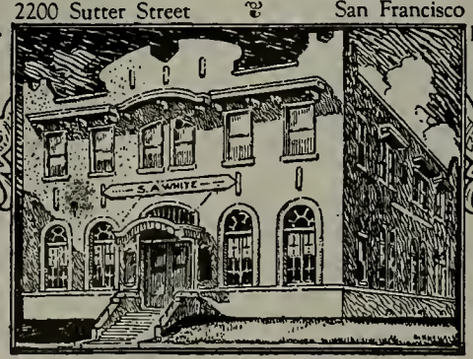

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City Treasurer Employee Plays Role of Hero

IGNATIUS RICHARDSON, cashier in City Treasurer Thieler's office, qualified for a Carnegie medal last month when he leaped into the bay at the foot of Harrison Street with all his clothes on and rescued a sailor from drowning. His exploit brings the treasurer's office into the forefront of aquatic events, where Henry Ingwersen of the Auditor's office has held undisputed sway for years.

IGNATIUS RICHARDSON

Richardson was talking with friends at the Fire Station on the morning of July 6 when he heard a splash between piers 28 and 29. Then he saw the head of a man bobbing out of the water. Without waiting even to shed his coat he dove into the bay and dragged the struggling sailor to the side of the Fireboat Dennis T. Sullivan, where the two were pulled out of the water by Pilot George Harrison and Hoseman Harry Carter.

The sailor was revived at the Harbor Emergency Hospital, where he said he was a member of the crew of the schooner Stanford.

Richardson is now runner-up for life saving championship honors, his chief, Jack Thieler having distinguished himself with equal gallantry several months ago when he dove into Lake Almanor and saved the life of a nine-year-old girl who had slipped off a rock into thirty-five feet of water while fishing.

Parks and Museums

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President Herbert Fleishhacker, of the Board of Trustees, a check for $100,000 cash and a collection of miniatures and snuff boxes of the greatest beauty and value. Some of these latter are over two or three hundred years old. They will be put on display very soon.

Dr. Huntington had already given the California Palace a whole gallery of period furniture, fine tapestries and textiles, ceramics and other beautiful things, as a memorial to his father, the Southern Pacific railroad builder, Mr. Collis P. Huntington. He had also given a check for $50,000 to be invested, the income to be used to maintain the other exhibits. The new $100,000 donation will be used to add to the collection in the Huntington Room. Besides these gifts, Dr. Huntington gave, as a tribute to his wife, the heroic bronze statue of Joan of Arc, now standing on the lawn in front of the Palace. This was the work of Mrs. Huntington, formerly Miss Anna Vaughn Hyatt, who is the most outstanding sculptress of America. Another gift made by Dr. Huntington to the Palace is a fine oil painting by the Spanish artist, Sorolla.

Another important event at the museum the past month was the installation of The Jacob Stern Loan Collection, consisting of forty-one oil paintings and seven bronzes, which forms one of the finest private collections of art works in San Francisco. All of these pieces are by artists of international reputation. The works were the property of the late Mr. Jacob Stern

and his wife, Mrs. Rosa Stern, and had adorned their beautiful home at 3778 Washington Street in this city. They were loaned to the Palace by the executors of the estates, Walter S. Heller and Walter A. Haas.

Included in the collection is a great painting, "Springtime in the Alps" by the Italian artist, Segantini. There is also a fine bust of this artist, by the well-known sculptor Prince Paul Troubetzskoy. This sculptor is represented by another bronze, and there are three others by Barye, and two by Arthur Putnam, formerly of San Francisco, who was associated for a time with M. Earl Cummings, artist member of the Park Commission, and also member of the Board of Trustees of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor.

The Stern collection contains the finest group west of Chicago, representative of the French Barbizon School, including pictures by Diaz, Charles Jacques, Daubigny, Jules Dupre and others. Claude Monet of the Impressionists has one painting in the collection. There are two pictures by Toby Rosenthal, formerly of San Francisco, and two by John H. Twachtman, of "The Ten American Painters." The seventeenth century Old Masters are illustrated by a Murillo, entitled "Jeune Fille au Panier." Rosa Bonheur, the well-known animal painter, is represented by one canvas, and there are numerous other famous artists in the list.

Aaron Altman, Supervisor of Art of the San Francisco schools, has loaned the Palace two very interesting etchings. One of these is a portrait of Victor Hugo, and the other is a portrait of the artist who did the Hugo portrait, that is, Auguste Rodin. The picture of Rodin is by Alphonse Legros.

Three beautiful landscapes by William Keith have been loaned to the Palace by the artist's granddaughter, Miss Alice Keith.

The beautiful Persian art collections, loaned by Dr. Ali Kuli Khan, have been sent to the Pacific Southwest Exposition at Long Beach.

Exposition Auditorium

By James L. Foley

AUGUST will be an excellent business month for our Auditorium, which will house two big attractions.

The opening show, the American Hospital Association Convention, will exhibit different kinds of medicines, bandages and first aid apparatus, and will prove to be very interesting and entertaining. It will be open to the public.

The Radio Show promises to be one of the most colorful trade shows of the season.

The last two days of this month we have the Dahlia Show, and to those who have never witnessed a dahlia show it will be a revelation.

The following is the complete list of August attractions:

August 2-11.—American Hospital Association Convention.
August 13.—Christian Science Lecture.
August 14.—Summer Symphony.
August 16-26.—Radio Show.
August 30.—Summer Symphony.
August 30-31.—Dahlia Show (Larkin Hall).

Lieutenant Henry Powell of the Pawnshop Detail left on July 15 with his wife for a fishing trip to Lake Almanor. He expected to be back on the job at the Hall of Justice early in August.

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The Police Department

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tries. It is universally known that every leading financial institution of the Dominion of Canada has a New York branch. Many Americans own stock in Canadian banks; we have more capital employed in the Dominion than in any other country. Swinging the pendulum back, we find that Canadian life insurance companies are heavy buyers of our common stock. Both our men and our money have become intimately a part of Canadian life and expansion, and our financial interests are so closely allied that it would be difficult to say where one leaves off and the other begins.

A flock of the "finest" who escorted the James boys, Rolph and Walker, to the Salinas Rodeo. Front row, Rudolph Eichenbaum, Jimmy Horsman and Bud Anderson. Rear row, Joe Wickstrom, Joe Perry, Ed O'Day, Arthur Schook, Joe O'Rourke, Claude Ireland and Tom Daly.

A recent case of the successful apprehension of a criminal, and one worthy of mention, is the case of Earle Nelson, the strangler fiend, who was wanted in various American cities for approximately twenty heinous murders, in every one of which his victims were women. Nelson wended his way into the Dominion of Canada and committed several crimes, eventually arriving at the city of Winnipeg.

Shortly after our last convention at Windsor, a member of this association, Captain Duncan Matheson of the San Francisco Police Department, happened to be in Winnipeg, which was about the time Nelson committed his last infamous crime. Captain Matheson was warmly received by the Canadian officers, who sought information from him as to his knowledge of Nelson's habits and identity. Supplied with the information, the Canadian officers made every effort to apprehend the criminal responsible for two crimes committed in their jurisdiction, and many in the United States. Their efforts were crowned with success, and on January 13, 1928, Nelson, the arch fiend, paid with his life for the crimes he had committed.

And, too, I remember extradition proceedings between my own state of California and the Canadian government, by means of which criminals have been brought back for proper trial, or in cases not requiring extradition, the recovery of property lost through the actions of criminals, where a singleness of purpose and whole-hearted co-operation carried on to successful conclusions in many instances.

While the subject of my talk was to be co-operation

between the law enforcement officers of the United States and Canada, I have brought to your attention the harmonious relations existing in other walks of life, bringing home the realization, which must be apparent to all, that if it were not for the co-operation between the law enforcement officers of both countries, it would be impossible for the financial interests of either country to transact their business with such safety and feeling of security.

The police officer can by his integrity and efficient handling of his work in the future, as he has in the past, demonstrate the true spirit of co-operation that does now and will continue to exist, so the citizens of both nations may live and transact their business, secure in the knowledge that they and their property interests are safe.

Bill Hamilton Gives Treat to Orphanage Children

TWO hundred and fifty kiddies, girls from the Mt. St. Joseph's Orphanage, were made indescribably happy recently when Bill Hamilton of the Board of Works and Superintendent of the Municipal Waterworks, assisted by Joe McGuire, conducted them on the annual picnic to Paradise Cove. This is a yearly stunt of Bill's and is eagerly looked forward to by the children, being the one big event of that nature in their lives.

BILL HAMILTON

At the picnic the children had a wonderful time. First the boat ride to Paradise Cove, then the arrival and the happy throng loose to romp and run over the hills, the swimming and wading, the games and sports, everything in fact that could make a bunch of carefree youngsters happy. Since the ages ranged from three to seventeen years, every care was taken that, regardless of the age of the child, there would be fun for every one. To top everything off there was a lunch designed to satisfy and please every hungry, happy kiddie, and no urging was needed to cause full justice to be done to it.

Others who assisted in the thoughtful work were Mrs. Muriel Hayes, Mrs. J. Zumwalt, Mrs. Susie Gibson, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. S. Roche, Mrs. McCollough, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. M. B. Hamilton and Mrs. M. McGuire. Thanks are also due to the South of Market Boys, the David Scannel Club and Captain Ireland of Engine 28, S. F. F. D.

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Department of Electricity

By Joseph Murphy

RALPH W. WILEY, chief of the department, is back in harness after a much needed rest at Richardson's Grove. From now on the "Go" sign will be the only one in evidence in the department.

Gordon C. Osborne, assistant chief, and Frank Eickoff, shop foreman, are both on vacations.

Inspector Nick Siggins is spending his vacation at Monte Rio.

Harold Gerber is down south in a place called Los Angeles.

Jack Harrold is still on the sick list.

The writer has just returned from Camp Mather, the city's vacation camp. Maurice Levy and family were also there. If Maurice were half as good an inspector as his wife is a singer he would be some inspector. Mrs. Levy is a wonderful singer and entertained the guests about the camp every night. Maurice tried to catch fish but they probably knew he was an inspector and had his number.

Anna Creeley, our popular telephone operator, was also at the camp. Every day she could be seen with the mermaids, and at the bathing beauty contest she was right there, believe me.

We cannot let this opportunity go by without saying something about the vacation camp maintained by the city at Hetch Hetchy. It is a wonderful place, with clean cabins, good meals and a delightful climate. The Playground Commission can well be proud of the two men who run it, Norman Center and "Scotty" Campbell. From the time you get off the stage until you leave the camp you are made to feel at home. They are at your service at any time of the day or night. The personnel is made up of college boys, reliable, clean-cut young fellows. There is, for instance, "Smiling Sammy" at the store, "Happy" Young, who looks after the hikers, Joe Kelleher, the Garrison boys, Fred Taylor and others whose names we cannot recall. When their work is done in kitchen or dining room they mix with the guests and entertain them at the camp fire. They are a great bunch.

In our last issue we spoke of one of our inspectors who was going up north, W. G. Pennycock, one of the old guard. The writer and his wife were to have gone with him but changed their plans at the last minute, other mutual friends going instead. Penny's car was struck by a train in Oregon, one member of the party was killed and all the others are in the hospital. Our old reliable, Al Cohn, was in Oregon at the time and, within twenty-four hours was at Bill's bedside to see what he could do for him. When it comes to doing anything for a friend there is no sacrifice too great for Al. He kept the wires hot between San Francisco and Oregon and is now down south finishing his interrupted vacation. The office staff was shocked at the news of the accident and extends its sincere sympathy to Bill and the earnest hope that he and his friends will soon be with us again fully recovered.

JUDGE LOUIS WARD HONORED

Superior Court Judge Louis H. Ward was honored by the women of Lincoln Relief Corps, No. 3, G. A. R., last month when he was presented with a huge silk American flag, which today hangs behind the bench in his court room. The gift was made in recognition of Judge Ward's work in handling naturalization cases in his department.

U. S. Ranger Helps City Meet Hetch Hetchy Guests

VISITORS to the great O'Shaughnessy Dam are almost certain to meet two men who vie with one another to assist in every way possible. U. S. Ranger R. H. Rose, whose picture appears here, is a quiet, agreeable young man with the dignity one would expect from a representative of the government, and yet withal obliging to the utmost. Ranger Rose is

an old Perdue man and still holds down a professorship in that institution. He has been in the ranger service for more than two years and is enthusiastic about the work.

Our own representative, B. R. Shaw, is an old-timer in the service of San Francisco. He is the official guide at Camp Mather and has charge of the free city tourist camp, and will usually be found at the dam itself where he distributes literature and imparts such information as is requested. As might be expected, he has a fund of general knowledge about the Hetch Hetchy project gained through fourteen years actual work right on the job itself, and consequently can answer the thousand and one questions that the average visitor asks. Genial, courteous, affable and willing, citizens of San Francisco who meet him spread his praises on their return. City Engineer O'Shaughnessy can well be congratulated upon the type of men he has selected to represent him on the Hetch Hetchy project.

NOTED CHINESE VISITS S. F.

Dr. Chao-Chu Wu, son of Dr. Wu Ting-Fang, former Chinese Minister to the United States, paid an official call on Mayor Rolph and the Board of Supervisors on July 31. Dr. Wu was formerly mayor of Canton, the largest city in the world in point of population.

OFFICERS PROMOTED

It is Detective Arthur Lahey and Detective John F. Ross now. The two officers, Lahey from the Bush street station, and Ross from the Central district, were promoted last Monday, July 30. Lahey made an enviable record in the Bush Street district with the capture of suspected bandits and burglars.

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sings (??) "melodious" notes; and in the meantime Lieutenant Carr of that colossal apparatus Number 5 Engine is down giving away real "bank" notes to keep up his enthusiasm at the green board on California Street. A good question for the next Civil Service Exam would be, "Who is better off?"

"That" night when the fog cleared and the members of Engine 47 actually saw the ocean Captain Mitchell saw a vessel coming in with cargo. Now he is vacationing on the Russian River, and word has been carried to me that he has rented a rowboat and stands 'midships with a set of opera glasses in one hand and a compass in the other. Trying for a license, Cap? Marine or marriage? Well, good luck in either.

Then there's Clarence Pichel, who has just been appointed. He was nicknamed "The Kid" in his early youth and now he is trying to emulate Jackie Coogan. Say, what about some of those suits and ladies' dresses you used to handle before coming with us? Guess they don't miss him on the route. Well, we're glad you are with us.

We don't know the prescription but Tommy Hayes of Engine 14 still has Monte Rio in his thoughts. That was all right in your youth but "monkey glands" will not keep up forever.

Our old friend, Danny Cronin, made One Engine in his first try. That was some time ago. He went in hiding immediately. Why not let the gang see you once in a while?

Bank of Italy slumped (believe us, we know it). Still Charles Jensen, Engine 47, has been seen with two good automobiles. What's the system, Charley; oil wells?

McCormack of Engine 19 suggests that they install rubber tires and wooden whistles on the freight trains that play in front of fire houses in the wee hours of the morning.

Engine 11 has been in an uproar since Dan Culhane, the Irish comedian, joined the company, as he keeps the boys in the highest of spirits with his Irish wit and funny songs.

Captain Perrone of Engine 48, better known as "Mr. Par" of Lincoln Park, states that he will make the course in par yet. We are with you, "Notch," but Chief Gavin has been telling us that for years.

Finnegan of the Rescue Squad, better known as Larry the Drayman, has taken up the barber business. Larry has been practicing faithfully on Sergeant Cook of late and will be able to hang the old shingle out soon.

The boys of Engine 25 are still trying to figure out if Cadigan and Murphy speak English. To date they have never been heard speaking, so it looks like a case for the "House Detective."

The winners of the endurance contest for Pinochle Players, which was sponsored by Bert Sheedy of Engine 16, were Reed, Joyce and Lieutenant Grimmenstein. The boys armed with a deck of cards will soon leave for Amsterdam to participate in the Olympic games.

Lillian Ackerman, nurse at the San Francisco Hospital, was severely injured last month when she was struck by a hit-and-run motorist while on her way home. Elizabeth Samuelson, who was with Miss Ackerman, escaped injury.

The Real Farthest Outpost

THERE is a three-cornered, high-powered, twelve-cylindered controversy going on, replete with dams with a capitalized D and the Municipal Employee is the unwitting cause of it all. Should the High Sierra shake and tremble, the City Hall crumble, the O'Shaughnessy Dam and that at Lake Eleanor give up the ghost and pour their sparkling waters over a thirsty country, we and we alone are to blame.

And it all came about thus:

Last month on a visit to the O'Shaughnessy Dam, the representative of the Municipal Employee snapped the picture of Aubrey L. Reid, caretaker of the massive concrete structure. So far so good. And then in the accompanying article it was stated that Mr. Reid held down San Francisco's farthest outpost. And then the row started.

Seven miles north of Caretaker Reid is Caretaker A. M. Peterson guarding the interests of San Francisco at the Lake Eleanor Dam. Mr. Peterson takes exception to our statement. He proves by the speedometer of his automobile that no matter how far from our native city Mr. Reid may be, he, Mr. Peterson, is seven miles yet beyond.

But Mr. Reid laughs that away. Distance is properly measured by straight air line, he claims. Or in other words as the crow flies. Mr. Peterson comes back by quoting Einstein to the effect that straight lines are no longer considered the shortest distance between two points. It would take volumes even to outline the controversy that we unwillingly caused and since during the long winter months our two farthest representatives will think up new arguments, we can only mention it again when all is settled. And may it be soon.

Be that as it may, permit us to introduce Mr. A. M. Peterson, caretaker of the Lake Eleanor Dam. One might not be surprised to learn that he was born and educated in Minneapolis, but we were surprised to learn that, in his comparatively few years, he has spent seventeen of them following the sea and has circled the globe three times. He has been an employee of the city for some years, being at Moccasin Creek during the construction of the power house.

Cupid has recently had his way with Mr. Peterson. With his bride, a charming young lady whose picture we hope to reproduce soon, he will spend his honeymoon right at Lake Eleanor, far from the madding crowd. The Municipal Employee extends its felicitation to the happy young couple.

The following transfers have been announced by Chief of Police O'Brien:

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The Public Library

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out requiring him to go to the catalogue. Of course, if he wants a particular book then he must procure the call-number.

There is another and last point I must touch on and that is our attitude towards the public. After one has been at the desk awhile, she begins to know the people, and the relationship between staff and public becomes not mechanical but human. Often she feels as keenly disappointed as the applicant when the book is out and shares his joy when a long sought volume is at last found on the shelf.

So there—Mr. Jones!

San Francisco at the Convention

By A. M. Farrell

LIBRARIANS, assistant librarians and teachers! By rail, by water, by automobile they came to the convention of the California Library Association held in Riverside on April 3, 4 and 5. The San Francisco Public Library was well represented by several members of the staff who journeyed south for the occasion.

The convention gathered together all of the important people of the library world on the west coast, among whom were Robert Rea, librarian of the San Francisco Public Library; Milton Ferguson, librarian of the State Library, Sacramento; John B. Kaiser, Oakland Free Library; Everett R. Perry, librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, and many other well-known representatives of western libraries.

Miss Mary Murphy, head of the Order Department of our own library, drove down to Riverside accompanied by Miss Pauline Roy, Juvenile librarian; Miss Dorothy Doyle, Circulation Department, and Miss Isabella Johnston of the Periodical Department. Miss Herberta Faithorn, Circulation Department, and Miss Helen Bruner of the Sutro Branch of the State Library, also were interested representatives at the conclave.

One of the most interesting events of the convention was "Western Authors Evening," arranged by H. Leussler of the local branch of the Houghton-Mifflin Publishing Company. Authors who hitherto had been known only through their books were introduced, W. C. Tuttle, H. C. Knibbs, Colonel Breckenbridge, William S. Hart of movie fame, who incidentally has written some very fine Western juvenile stories, and Chief Standing Bear.

The Chief, a full-blooded Sioux, showed how his ancestors talked to the white man by sign language. He also very generously demonstrated some short words and phrases, which he thought might come in handy some time. Among them was a graceful movement of the hand by which one might call one's vis-a-vis, "poor fish"! Several of the staff have been seen practicing this very useful phrase and one or two have become quite proficient.

Benjamin Futernick of the firm of Foster & Futernick, official bookbinders of the San Francisco Public Library, and Louis Friedman of the Western branch of the Macmillan Publishing Company, appointed themselves hosts, and were untiring in their efforts to make the convention a week of pleasure as well as a business gathering.

This yearly get-together of librarians is a decided necessity, and keeps people who are almost steeped in books the year round from getting into a literary

rut. New ideas are discussed, modern outlooks on library science debated, and librarians return to their own libraries eager to put into practice some of the new ideas they have heard about.

Many of the libraries in the south were visited, and while they are forging ahead rapidly with new ideas and systems, the representatives from San Francisco felt proud that their own library is keeping abreast of the times in library work and has incorporated into its service many new features that are as yet untouched in the libraries of the south.

The Municipal Railway

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is functioning in an advisory capacity at the Geary Street Car House.

Artie Nuhn is having his old soup bone completely overhauled by a prominent massage expert, and we are glad to hear it, as, from present indications, it appears that we will have to look to Artie to assume the burden of our pitching responsibilities. Few semi-pro chuckers had anything on Artie a few seasons ago, and if he can get the old souper in shape all I can say is, "Watch us go."

Harry Humphreys certainly puts plenty of pepper in the game while he is in action along the first base line. Harry has never lost interest in the game and he is a constant source of worry to the opposing pitcher. We are glad to have an old head like Harry at our games as the boys appreciate the advantage of listening to the advise of Humphreys, who has spent many seasons in semi-pro ranks.

"Mickey" McHugh is still getting his bingles and hitting to all corners of the lot. It makes no difference to "Mickey" who the opposing pitcher may be, as they all look alike to him. "Mickey" says he never has any difficulty in seeing the old agate come up as it looks as big as a balloon. He attributes this to the fact that he is always in the hay not later than 9 p. m. on Saturday nights.

Have you observed the cheaters "Mussolini" Arata has been sporting of late? It seems that the opposite sex has been annoying this masculine beauty of Italian extraction in an effort to get acquainted to such an extent that he was compelled to change his facial expression so that he might not be vexed in the future.

The Municipal Railway won from the Foresters of America by a 6 to 4 score, as follows:

MUNICIPAL RY.	AB	R	H	FORESTERS	AB	R	H
Sumerville, rf	3	1	0	Seibert, rf	5	0	3
McHugh, cf	4	1	2	Carew, s	5	0	2
Moyles, 2b	5	1	2	Muller, 3b	4	0	0
Costello, s	5	1	3	Clecak, lf	4	0	2
King, 1b	5	1	1	Zabriskie, 2b	4	2	2
Nelson, 3b	5	1	3	Fifield, 1b	4	1	2
Arata, lf	4	0	1	Mitchell, cf	2	0	0
Cassidy, c	4	0	1	Duran, c	4	0	1
Amstein, p	4	0	0	Hoffman, p	2	1	0
Thomas	1	0	1	Boback	1	0	0
Hunt, c	0	0	0				
Totals	40	6	14	Totals	35	4	12

Thomas batted for Cassidy.

Municipal	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	— 6
Base hits	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	6	1	—14
Foresters	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	— 4
Base hits	0	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	—12

Struck out—By Amstein 13, Hoffman 6. Bases on balls—Off Amstein 1, Hoffman 3. Hit by pitched ball—Mitchell by Amstein. Home run—Zabriskie. Three-base hit—Costello. Two-base hits—McHugh, Costello. Time of game—1 h. 50 m.

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FOLLOWING is a statement of retirements and payments of the San Francisco City Employees' Retirement System during April, May and June, 1928:

RETIRED FOR SERVICE

County Clerk—James B. Kelly, assistant register clerk.

Department of Education—Roberta E. L. Heath, teacher; Jessie M. Stewart, teacher; Lillian R. Wallace, "retired teacher."

Department of Electricity—James E. Doherty, laborer.

Law Library—James H. Deering, librarian.

Park Commission—James Robb, laborer.

Department of Public Works—John B. Gartland, experienced clerk; James W. Reinfeld, painter; Albert C. Kise, motorman; Charles L. Langry, motorman; Thadeus Begley, cleaner; Dennis McKeown, laborer; Louis Biggio, laborer.

Sheriff—William A. Hinds, jailer.

RETIRED FOR DISABILITY

Department of Education—Marie F. L. Demmick, Ethel P. Dowling and Pauline A. Dworzazek, teachers.

Department of Health—Margaret G. Anderson, cook.

Department of Public Works—Jeremiah Foley, cement finisher; Alf. R. Williams, laborer.

DEATH CLAIMS PAID

Department of Education—Eleanor I. Hart, teacher, $1,168.61; Irene M. McCullough, teacher, $1,060.81.

Department of Health—William Corrigan, porter, $494.96.

Park Commission — Frederick C. Buss, foreman, $1,425.74; Patrick Mannion, laborer, $1,091.06; Daniel S. McPherson, laborer, $1,252.72; James Sutherland, laborer, $1,215.90.

Department of Public Works—Albert J. Benninger, carpenter, $1,949.28; Thomas E. Corliss, painter, $1,950.48; John J. Murphy, engineer, $2,404.04; Joseph M. Warren, tinner, $2,037.66; Martin C. Davis, conductor, $1,400.15; Jacob E. Hassmer, trackman, $1,604.05; Edward C. Welch, conductor, $1,404.16; Albert J. Bierwirth, foreman, $1,534.48; Joseph F. O'Donnell, sweeper, $1,381.34; Perry Briley, laborer, $1,056.87; Erik Christensen, laborer, $902.56; William Hennessy, asphalt worker, $1,399.98; Michael C. Kilmartin, asphalt finisher (retired under option No. 1), $2,472.05; Patrick J. McGreal, paver, $1,930.23; James J. Oates, laborer, $1,465.23.

Total amount of death claims paid during three months, $32,602.36.

Retirement allowances paid to retired members during three months, $82,865.98.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving city service during three months, $14,769.83.

Total payments to beneficiaries, retired members and ex-members, $130,238.17.

Mrs. Mary Kelly, regarded as one of the ablest of the clerks in the tax collector's office, said farewell to her fellow workers last month. She was given a farewell luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel.

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Sales Values

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on the floor of the Board of Supervisors that, given the assessed valuation of any piece of property in certain counties in this state, the "sales" value of such property is accurately and readily determinable by application of a fixed percentage factor. Such a statement does not reflect the true condition in the counties under reference, and, if necessary, I am prepared to submit official statements in support of my contention along these lines.

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standings I will point to the decision rendered in Birch vs. County of Orange (59 Cal. App. 133). In that decision the court clearly states that the employment of a fixed rule or general system by the assessor must be regarded as discriminatory and inequitable.

Further, the following of such a system or method is contingent upon securing, originally, and later maintaining, a 100 per cent correct "sales-value" appraisal. All assessing practice—in fact all valuation experience—indicates that even a well-intended attempt to secure a 100 per cent correct "sales-value" appraisal ends always in confusion and disagreement.

This office, in discharge of assessing functions, is guided by the decision of the court, which says: "A tax to be valid must rest upon an assessment made by the assessor." It does not say "on a percentage calculation made by the assessor." I cannot state my position more clearly.

Valuations by the assessor are subject to revision, either upward or downward, by the Board of Equalization, but the assessor is charged, under the law, with the responsibility of placing a valuation upon the property himself; the method of arriving at the valuation of the property is committed entirely to his determination; he is required to exercise his best judgment in determining the value of the property to be assessed. That is all.

The assessment roll for the current year represents my judgment of value for purposes of taxation. It has been submitted to the Board of Equalization for such revision as in their judgment is equitable.

THE assessor's office faces the new new fiscal year in an improved condition. The Board of Supervisors, with the approval of the Finance Committee, have granted an increase in the annual appropriation for the conduct of the office. This is appreciated; it will redound to the benefit of the taxpayers. It is worthy of mention that in five years, despite the constant and tremendous increase in the functional responsibility of every department of the assessor's office there has been practically no increase in man-power. The budget of 1923-1924 gave the office a man-power of 101; the budget of 1927-1928 allowed 102.

It is the desire of the assessor, and of the assessor's office, to cooperate with the Board of Supervisors, and with every other department of the municipality, in serving the best interests of the citizens, and the increase in the 1928-1929 appropriation will do much to make improved service possible.

San Francisco, like every other rapidly growing city, presents a problem of constantly shifting values. The splendidly progressive program of municipal betterment that the people of San Francisco have committed themselves to, intensify these problems, and I want to assure you, and the Board of Supervisors, that the assessor's office, in keeping with the traditions of the past, willingly accepts its full share of responsibility in connection with those problems.

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GENTLEMAN Grizzly, by Reginald C. Barker. Illustrated. (Page Boston. $2.00). Recommended to those who like a good readable collection of Western mountain yarns, written around a character who is called "Grizzly" because of his resemblance to a grizzly bear, both in appearance and strength, and "Gentleman" because of his sterling qualities. Adventure, battle and mystery. (G. H. A.)

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Modern Japan and Its Problems, by G. C. Allen. (Dutton, New York. $3.00). Here is a book that every American and every Californian especially should read. Most of us have a very inadequate conception of the background of Japanese life and customs and this book gives one a remarkable insight that has long been needed. The author discusses the various phases of Japanese life, social, financial, industrial, etc., and one is left with an entirely new impression of a long mis-understood people. We highly recommend this book. (J. F. C.)

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The Virgin Queene, by Harford Powell, Jr. (Little, Brown & Co., Boston. $2.00 net). While in the class of light summer reading "The Virgin Queene" is one of the best of its kind. Quick moving, funny, its characters are real and likeable. In working out his story the author gently mocks the advertising profession and the dramatic critics come in for their share. We recommend this book. (J. G.)

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A Temple of Topaz, by F. W. Boreham. (The Abingdon Press. $1.75 net). While primarily a religious book, "A Temple of Topaz" can well be read and enjoyed by the laity. The essays contained in it are rich in material, kindly in tone, sparkling and bubbling, and a relief for the tired mind. Many of the personages of history are treated from a new angle, an angle that is at once thought producing and enlightening. We can well believe the saying that "Once a Borehamite always a Borehamite." Heartily recommended. (G. H. A.)

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La Fayette. By Henry Dwight Sedgwick. Illustrated. (Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, $5.) La Fayette as portrayed by Mr. Sedgwick is a very human personage, not perhaps the great man that the average American schoolboy pictures from his study of history, but still a man who, fired with zeal for the new ideas of liberty that were permeating the minds of the new world, risked all and gave all to advance those ideas. Through the hardships of the American Revolution his boyish enthusism was tried by the vicissitudes encountered, but endured and strengthened. To all Americans this phase of his life must seem a sublime and wonderful thing. His friendship for General Washington and the latter's love and respect for him are clearly portrayed and command the attention of the reader. We quote Mr. Sedgwick's own words as best describing his "La Fayette": "I have tried, as far as I could, to let him and his contemporaries speak for themselves, as I think, in this way, La Fayette will appear what he really was, not a great man, but a great-hearted gentleman, a worthy countryman of Jeanne d'Arc." We highly recommend this book. (G. H. A.)

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The Greene Murder Case. A Philo Vance story. By S. S. Van Dine. (Scribners, New York. $2.) It seems hardly necessary to say more about this captivating detective story than that it is equal to, or even better than, the "Canary" Murder Case and the Benson Murder Case. After one has grown cold and suspicious over the abundance of so-called detective stories that are being ground out by the publisher's mills, along comes Philo Vance and interest revives. You will miss something if you do not buy "The Greene Murder Case" and read it and retain it in your library. (P. P. L.)

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Teacher's Salary Study

A COMPREHENSIVE study of teachers' salaries in the San Francisco public-school system has been undertaken by a committee of prominent citizens recently appointed by the Board of Education. The committee comprises such eminent San Franciscans as H. U. Brandenstein, Bruce Cornwall, James Mullen, Mrs. S. G. Chapman and Fred Dohrmann, Jr. Preliminary meetings of the committee have already been held and tentative plans laid for the conduct of the survey. Expenses of the committee will be met by the Board of Education.

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tee at a meeting July 3, when the regular rules of procedure of the Board of Education were suspended on motion of Mrs. Ernest J. Mott, seconded by Alfred I. Esberg. President Daniel C. Murphy of the Board informed the members of the committee that they would be given the widest latitude in studying the salary problem and in reaching a solution.

The Teachers' Joint Salary Committee is also planning a study of the salary situation, and has reported to the Board of Education that it plans to have an expert analysis of the situation made by Doctors Hart and Peterson of the Department of Education of the University of California. Under the plan of the Teachers' Committee the report of the professors would be reviewed by another body of experts and the resulting report submitted to the salary commission appointed by the Board of Education.

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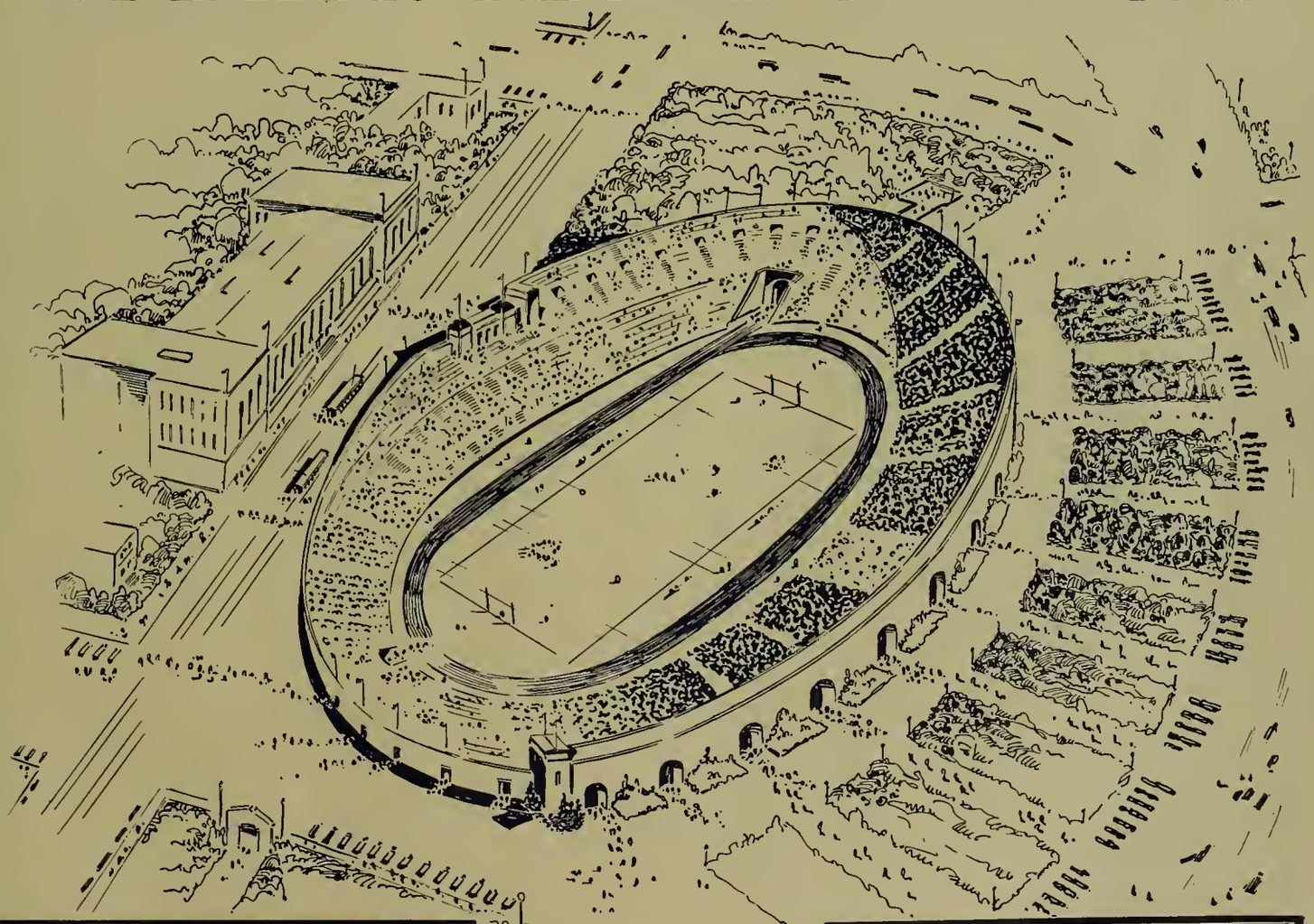

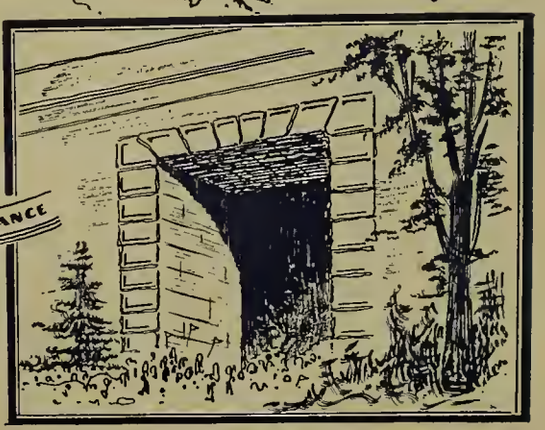

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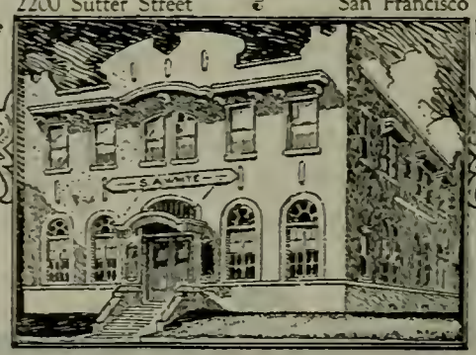

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SEPTEMBER, 1928

A Billion Dollar City

SAN FRANCISCO is now a billion dollar corporation and its people ought to have, if they have not already, the vision that goes with a city of such size and responsibilities. By this time we should have grown beyond the restricted outlook which quibbles at expenditure for necessary improvements.

A dignified appreciation of our own importance in the affairs of the Pacific Coast and of the nation would make practically unnecessary any vigorous campaign for the passage of the $15,000,000 bond issues given final approval by the Supervisors late in August. There are, however, a considerable number of the electorate who have not yet acquired this broadness of vision and it will be the duty of the city during the next two months to educate them.

In this program the city employee may have a vital part. By virtue of his employment he is supposed to have a better understanding than the average citizen of the progress of the city and of its needs. He is a part of the machinery which daily meets those needs. It should be his duty, during the next two months, to help give his fellow-citizen the benefit of the knowledge thus acquired. There are now more than 11,000 city employees. At a very minimum each employee has at least four friends whom he can educate before the election in November. The 55,000 ballots of this intelligent class of voters may easily prove the decisive factor in the election.

Each of the nine items on the bond issue list has been included because it was deemed an absolute necessity. Each has been subjected to the closest scrutiny and each has been pruned to the very bone in order that the total might be kept at a minimum.

President Frank J. Klimm of the Board of Health pointed out, in our August issue, the inadequacy of the present facilities of the health department. He even consented to cut $1,500,000 from the $5,000,000 needed in order to bring the total within the $15,000,000 limit set by the Supervisors. The $2,230,000 for sewer construction is no less a necessity.

The $1,700,000 for the airport and the $570,000 for the Broadway tunnel may be listed as dividend paying improvements for the former will pay big returns in income and increased business while the latter will increase business and add to property values by providing easy access to a large section of the city now cut off by hills from the down town section.

As the city grows in industrial importance its recreational activities must keep step, and for this reason the $3,100,000 for playgrounds, the $2,000,000 for McLaren Park, the $500,000 for the Aquatic Park and the $400,000 for the

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The Story of Kezar Stadium

Huge Monument Nears Completion

by Joseph R. Hickey

Director of Public Recreation

—Photo by Boye

HERBERT FLEISHHACKER
President of Park Commission

THE history of the Kezar Memorial Stadium, the latest development in the scheme of our city's recreational facilities, had its inception in the generous efforts of the individual who made it possible. A gift of $100,000 to Golden Gate Park by Mary A. Kezar in memory of her mother, Nancy H. Kezar, and her uncles, Bartlett Doe, John Sanborn Doe and Charles Franklin Doe, brought about the first unit of the structure now accepted as San Francisco's stadium.

The Does were pioneers of California who were imbued with a spirit to hew from the timbers of the waste land the structure of an empire. At a time when this community was not fully aroused to the demand for a competitive playing area, where the many athletic partisanships could be expressed, the spirit of these pioneers showed the way.

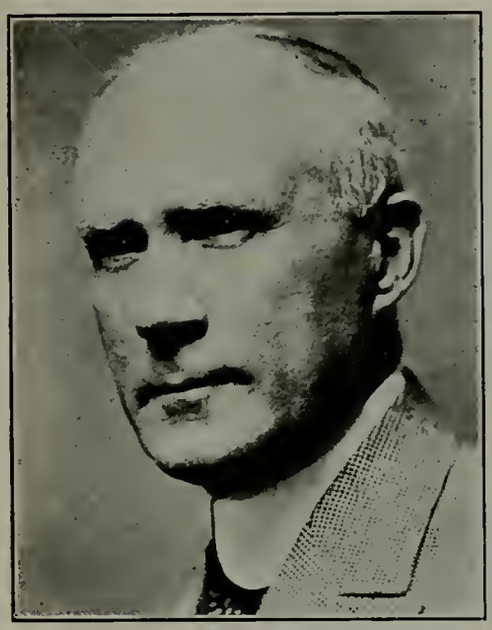
Fortunately for San Francisco the Board of Park Commissioners, who are ever awake to the city's needs, planned this stadium and oval. Headed by its enthusiastic president, Herbert Fleishhacker, and his colleagues William F. Humphrey, George Tourny, M. Earl Cummings and William Sproule, and with the wise counsel of Superintendent John McLaren, the commissioners provided the site, and with an additional appropriation from the Board of Supervisors, the project was launched with a seating capacity of 22,600.

At that time plans were prepared showing a vast amphitheater at this location with seats for 80,000 spectators. How close this visualization has been realized is evident in the latest step of the stadium construction which has brought the accommodations up to 62,000, giving San Francisco a place for athletic contests in keeping with similar improvements, there still being room for further development. Many years before the Kezar stadium was thought of a site in the western section of Golden Gate Park was selected by the then Park Commissioners as a speedway for trotting races and the exercise of horses. The report of the Park Commission for 1924 tells the story in these words:

"It will be recalled that many years ago an admirable site was selected near the western section of the park, primarily intended for a speedway or track for the speeding or exercising of horses, and where, from time to time, trotting races also might be held. This was constructed with adequate accommodations for such purposes, including a judges' stand, the gift of Frank C. Burke, Esq. With the coming of the automobile, however, its popularity waned perceptibly, until attention was directed to its adaptability for a future athletic field.

"Here was obviously the only available space within the then park limits that could be given over to the rapidly increasing army of athletes, and so, hastened by numerous petitions from active athletic bodies, the commissioners prepared the area inside the trotting track for football and baseball fields, also providing accommodations for important athletic meets. The results, however, were only partially satisfactory.

Hold a Rooters' Reunion at the big game, September 15.



WILLIAM SPROULE
Member Park Commission

convenient distance from street car transportation. Accordingly, the Park Commissioners charged their minds with the importance of eventually providing a proper stadium and athletic field whenever a more advantageous site could be selected and the necessary funds provided.

"The topographical as well as the financial solution of this hitherto difficult problem emanated from the creative instincts of Commissioner William F. Humphrey, after many conferences with Superintendent McLaren. In their opinions there did not exist within the limits of Golden Gate Park an acreage sufficiently spacious for such a stadium and athletic grounds as were demanded."

During this period the students of Polytechnic High School, just across Lincoln Way and opposite the present stadium, were clamoring for adequate athletic facilities. Their own engineering department had drawn up plans for an oval athletic field constructed in the natural bowl across the street, and Jimmy Rolph, then a student at Polytechnic, presented the plans to his father, Mayor Rolph.

In the meantime the Park Commissioners had worked out a plan for obtaining a stadium site partially on land within the park limits and partially on property owned by the Market Street Railway, then the United Railroads.

CONSTRUCTION of the stadium was begun soon afterward on the newly acquired properties and on adjoining park land formerly devoted to the nursery stables, wagon sheds and shops of the mechanical department. Provision was made for a basketball pavilion and a handball pavilion, which is now in use and which has proved a most popular arena for local contests.

Public athletic exhibitions could seldom be held with comfort to public onlookers owing to its exposed location, as well as its in-

—Photo by Habenicht

GEORGE TOURNY
Member Park Commission

—Photo by St. Francis Studio

M. EARL CUMMINGS
Member Park Commission

Football has taken such a tremendous hold upon the sport-loving public that the hectic struggles and institutional rivalry provide thrills even for the nonpartisan observer. The game and this type of contest only has been responsible for the building of the many large stadiums throughout the country. The latest addition to the Kezar Memorial Stadium, made possible by an appropriation of $250,000 from the present Board of Supervisors, under the leadership of Frank Havenner, chairman of the finance committee, puts San Francisco in line with other communities in this respect. This civic enterprise is an excellent testimonial to the combined interest of our public officials.

The original plans were arranged by Lester W. Hurd and Charles F. Masten, architects, in collaboration with the late Willis Polk, and Thomas F. Chace, consulting engineer, who was identified with the building of the University of California Memorial Stadium.

Although restricted to certain limitations, the Kezar Stadium as it is today is an acquisition of which San Francisco may well be proud. It offers facilities that would be most acceptable in many of the cities of this country, while the architectural treatment is pleasing and in keeping with the surroundings. It is designed with a frank joining of formal dignity demanded in such a civic monument, with a bold, simple treatment of huge walls and openings. The irregular grouping of trees and shrubs along the South Drive and to the west are readily assimilated, while the open street frontage on Lincoln Way is made to conform to this plan.

Meeting the informality of the site has led to the piercing of the Lincoln Way wall on the radial aisle lines with squared openings, embellished with quoins and dec-

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WILLIAM F. HUMPHREY
Member Park Commission

Let's go to the Ball Game. Remember the date, September 15.

—Photo by G. E. Russell

An air view of Mills Field looking south and showing the hangars and a small portion of the main runway

In the Spotlight of Aviation

By Supervisor Milo F. Kent
Chairman Airport Committee

SAN FRANCISCO is the most air-minded city in America. Our people are keenly alive to the importance of developing an airport second to none in the world, and I am confident they will approve the bond issue for $1,700,000 to be placed on the ballot in November. It will yield returns beyond the imagination of the most enthusiastic aviation advocates.

Decision by the Union Air Lines to operate a daily air transportation service between San Francisco and Seattle, to be inaugurated in September, with Mills Field as the terminal, demonstrates the influence that commercial aviation wields today on the minds and hearts of men.

The experimental period of commercial aviation has passed. The aircraft industry has reached a safe and secure position in business and is winging its course to the heights of enduring success. The airplane has become a fixture as a vehicle of travel and statistics prove it safer than auto, train or boat, though the relatively few plane accidents, usually due to unlicensed aircraft and pilots, are still emphasized as big news.

BUSINESS men generally have adopted airplane travel to dispatch their deals. In California alone hundreds ride in airplanes each day, bent on pleasure as well as business. The timid attitude of the traveling public toward air transportation has disappeared. There are more traffic accidents on the ground each day than there are in the air in months. In proof of this insurance companies have modified their policies to cover air travel.

The airport is the chief factor in the amazing growth of air transportation, the progress of which, in facts and figures, is almost bewildering. The city that neglects or delays establishing a modernly equipped airport, situated at the most advantageous site for accessibility and flying conditions, will be soon relegated to obscurity on the air map, which has become even more important than the railroad map.

San Francisco is keeping pace with the great strides of commercial aviation. Our city has been designated by leaders in all branches of the aircraft industry as "the most air-minded city in America." The spotlight of aviation has been frequently turned to San Francisco.

Our conspicuous position on the air map as the western terminal of America's air lanes has been achieved through the foresight of the Board of Supervisors, which has indorsed every constructive proposal to develop our airport at Mills Field and to expand its equipment and increase its efficiency to meet the tremendous demands of commercial aviation.

Members of the Board of Supervisor's airport committee have striven to avoid hysteria and to proceed with utmost care and caution to build steadily and permanently that San Francisco might reap the fullest possible advantages through the operation of an airport second to none in the world.

We are gratified with the progress of Mills Field since it opened for business sixteen months ago. This progress has been due to the active support of the Board of Supervisors, the Chamber of Commerce, our civic organizations, the people and the press.

IN SOME quarters, as was expected, the airport committee has been subjected to unfair criticism. Some interests wanted a certain site chosen. Others

wanted another. We recommended the Mills Field site only after an exhaustive scientific survey of meteorological conditions, covering a period of more than a year and which included all the projected sites throughout the entire peninsular region. The United States Weather Bureau, which conducted the survey, officially designated Mills Field as the most ideal location for an airport within a radius of fifty miles from San Francisco.

Flying conditions there were found, by Government test, more favorable, and the Mills Field location was shown to be freer from fog, aircraft's greatest enemy, than any other part of this area. The airport committee has been beset with many difficulties, and criticism that at times was unjust. We have always been open to and have sought advice, and we have frequently acted upon it when it was sound.

Recently a prominent postal official, who should know better, rushed blindly into print with a statement that San Francisco's airport should be located downtown, on the waterfront, or over the Southern Pacific depot; that it was too far away from the center of the city, that traffic on the roads leading to the city from Mills Field delayed transportation, etc. To those who have followed the course of airport construction in other large cities his observations carry little weight.

From the standpoint of flying conditions alone his suggestion was ridiculous. The airports in all large cities are situated from ten to twenty miles away from the business center. The cost of land, safety of landing and take-off, protection of aircraft, street traffic and pedestrians, obstruction of buildings and wires and unfavorable weather conditions, such as prevail during our foggy months, are some of the things that our distinguished critic ignored when advocating the removal of San Francisco's airport to a downtown site.

He did not point out that it takes nearly two hours to transport air mail from an eastbay airport to the San Francisco post office, while it requires less than twenty-five minutes to reach the same post office from Mills Field, which is eleven miles from the heart of the city. Such criticism is entirely unfair and invites suspicion of sinister intent.

Other government officials, particularly those of the Department of Commerce, have publicly commended the Mills Field site as ideal from every standpoint of airport efficiency. The center of San Fran-

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Build Up Mills Field

MILLS FIELD, San Francisco's own flying field, designated universally as "America's Model Airport," again takes the spotlight of the aviation world! By unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors a bond issue of $1,700,000 will be submitted to the voters in November, to finance a huge development program calculated to make Mills Field the peer of any airport in the world.

This significant indorsement is an eloquent tribute to the wisdom and judgment of those enterprising city officials who, some two years ago, envisioned the great future in store for commercial aviation, and fought against besetting difficulties to secure San Francisco's eminence on the air map of America.

They sponsored the idea that San Francisco own, operate and control her own airport. And they proceeded, sans politics, to establish Mills Field on a business basis. That they succeeded is now history. The venture has passed from the experimental stage to permanency.

Supervisor Milo F. Kent led the fight to start Mills Field. His colleagues, Supervisors Andrew J. Gallagher, Alfred Roncovieri and Frank J. McGovern are also entitled to credit for their contribution to the success of the project.

On the heels of this action came an enthusiastic indorsement from the National Aeronautic Association, San Francisco Chapter, of which Lieutenant George Noville, engineer of the Byrd transatlantic flight, is president. The association, in a congratulatory message to the Supervisors, announced its intention of actively supporting the bond issue.

Approximately 250 acres of land are now occupied by Mills Field, with nearly a square mile available for the development program to be financed by the bond issue.

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MILO F. KENT
Chairman Airport Committee

FRANK J. McGOVERN
Member Airport Committee

—Photo by Boye
ANDREW J. GALLAGHER
Member Airport Committee

O'Shaughnessy's Champs play on the home grounds September 15.

O'Shaughnessy's Champs Trim the Angels

By GEORGE H. ALLEN

—Photo by Chaffee

Chief O'Shaughnessy and the trophy which will become a permanent resident of the City Hall soon

The Score by Innings

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
San Francisco	0	2	0	0	2	9	1	0	0	14
Los Angeles	1	0	3	0	1	3	0	2	0	10

SAN FRANCISCO knows how. So does City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy's pet ball team. Just to vary the routine of their professional duties, Captain Manelli and his team members paid an informal visit to Los Angeles on August 25 and quietly and pleasantly, but none the less decisively, trimmed the team of City Engineer John C. Shaw to the tune of 14 to 10.

More than two thousand employees of the Sultry City, headed by Mayor George E. Cryer and City Engineer Shaw with other executives, urged on the local boys who played real ball until the last out was recorded. But nothing could stop the men from the Golden Gate, who broke down all opposition and brought home the bacon. With this win to their credit but one more game needs to be taken and the O'Shaughnessy cup, grand prize for the winner of two series, will remain in San Francisco for good.

Arriving in Los Angeles at 9:30 Saturday morning on the Lark, the visitors were met at the Southern Pacific depot by a delegation from the city engineer's department, and after an enthusiastic welcome were escorted by motorcycle police to the new city hall, where an inspection tour had been arranged. Here Mayor Cryer, Engineer Shaw and Assistant Engineer True and other executives welcomed the San Franciscans and every opportunity was given to look over the magnificent new building that houses the various departments of the Los Angeles municipal government. The inspection finished, the team was escorted to the Clark Hotel.

The game, played at White Sox Park, was called promptly at 2 o'clock, Mayor Cryer tossing the first ball, with Engineer Shaw as catcher. Previous to the call of "play ball" various dignitaries of the southern city were called upon for short pep talks and all assured the visitors of the hospitality of the city. City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy and Sheriff Dick Fitzgerald, arriving before the game, were given an enthusiastic welcome by the fans. Each was called upon for a few words and assured the Angelenos of their confidence in the San Franciscan team, but acknowledged the good sportsmanship of the southerners.

The game was interesting from the start. San Francisco was unable to score in the first and Los Angeles got the fans on their toes when Rady, second man up, batted a ball over the fence for a home run. In the second, with Pengle out through a little hard luck, Tomasich and Amorosa both scored for San Francisco, giving the visitors the lead, which they held for the inning, Los Angeles failing to get a man around the bases. In the third the home team came back strong with three runs, taking the lead, four to two, with the fans wild with excitement.

WITH both teams fighting every second, neither was able to score in the fourth. But in the fifth Hutchinson and Manelli of the visitors took runs, against one for the local team made by Shanly. This inning closed with Los Angeles still leading, the score standing five to four.

In the sixth inning Captain Manelli's boys snapped out of it, and before the first half of the inning had ended, thirteen men had faced Beitler, pitching for Los

—Photo by Chaffee

The invincible nine. Left to right (above): Clancy, Reed, Manelli, Mooney, Pengle, Johnson; (below) Amarosa, O'Keefe, McDonald.

Angeles, nine hits had been made and nine runs scored. Undismayed by the big lead, Los Angeles, fighting gamely, came back with three runs, but was unable to make it more because of the fine work of O'Keefe, who made every ball count and who was given excellent support. In the seventh Tomasich grabbed another run, making his third for the game, while Los Angeles was retired without a score.

With the score of fourteen to eight facing them at the start of the eighth, the Angelenos used every effort to batter down the defenses of San Francisco and stage a comeback. With the fans calling encouragement and backing them to the limit, they went over the top for two runs and held their opponents to no score for the inning. For a time it seemed as though they might have a fighting chance, but San Francisco refused to be stampeded and the ninth closed with Los Angeles four to the bad, the final score being fourteen to ten in favor of the visitors.

The game was enjoyable from every angle. Real ball was played and a real contest staged. Not a single unpleasant or unsportsmanlike incident marred the game. Both sides played their hardest, but both accepted the breaks without grumbling. The umpiring was especially good, and, while several close decisions were registered, in every case the decisions were accepted as final and abided by without question. The matter of good sportsmanship extended to the Los Angeles fans. With the game going against them, they kept their disappointment in restrain, and, while encouraging their own team, cheered the visitors whenever extra good ball was played.

NOR did the defeat dampen the hospitality of the Los Angeles City Engineers' Athletic Association. At the close of the game the visitors were taken to the hotel to clean up, and from that time on every effort was made to entertain them until their departure Sunday night.

Saturday night a nearby hostelry had been engaged and an especially fine entertainment and banquet were enjoyed, more than two hundred guests being present. Arriving at the scene of the festivities, the victorious team was escorted down the banquet hall amid the cheers and applause of the local men. Captain Manelli was introduced and wildly cheered when he gave a brief but acceptable talk, thanking the city folks for their hospitality and reception. Other members of the team were introduced and applauded. During the evening several Los Angeles city executives were introduced and each in turn congratulated San Francisco upon its successful ball team.

—Photo by Staff Photographer

Mayor Cryer of Los Angeles (top), Manager Stern (center), and City Engineer Shaw of Los Angeles (bottom)

Among the visitors was Sheriff Dick Fitzgerald, whose reception by the Los Angeles employees lacked nothing in warmth and cordiality. Asked to say a few words, he brought the house down with his wit and cogent remarks. An interested spectator during the evening's festivities was Pat Doyle of the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles City Engineers' Athletic Association, known as the best loved man in Los Angeles County. Mr. Doyle was introduced and received a tumultuous greeting.

Besides the eleven members of the team, San Francisco was represented by Carl Stern, manager; George Stahle, assistant manager, and Leo Glick, the latter called the financial genius of the outfit, since he has been remarkably successful in securing the necessary money to pay the bills, without which there can be no games. THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE had its representative along as member of the official party.

ON SEPTEMBER 15 the return game will be played in San Francisco. Should San Francisco win the game the O'Shaughnessy cup is ours. Offered last year by Engineer O'Shaughnessy, it becomes the permanent trophy of the team which wins two yearly series. San Francisco won one leg last year when Los Angeles was defeated twice in succession, first at Los Angeles, when a stubbornly contested game was lost to our men by a score of ten to nine, before more than 3000 spectators.

The San Francisco game therefore may be the decisive game. With three straight wins to their credit our City Engineer's team is out to finish the series. It is hoped that every city employee will attend this game and show the Los Angeles visitors that San Francisco is behind the team and appreciates the results they have accomplished.

Following is the lineup of the two teams:

San Francisco

Clancy, ss.; Mooney 2b; Hutchinson, rf; Manelli, cf; Reed, lf; Pengle, 3b; Tomasich, 1b; Amorosa, c; McDonald, c.; O'Keefe, p.; Bahr, p.

Los Angeles

Pearson, 3b; Rady, ss.; Shanly, 2b; Thompson, lf; Bapst, cf; Lohman, rf; Holder, 1b; Foster, c; Lemoin, c; Beitler, p; Ralkins, p; Burns, p.

Hold a Rooters' Reunion at the big game, September 15.

Mills Field Wins Huge Air Line

Union Company Picks Site For Terminal

Boarding a Union Air Line plane at Mills Field, George F. Settles of the Securities Department, H. Clay Bernard, vice-president and Charles V. Eakin, president

THE Union Air Lines, Inc., owners and operators of the West Coast Air Transport Company and the Capital Air Lines, Inc., running regular air passenger schedules between San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland and Seattle, with a score of intermediate stops, has just closed a deal with the Bach Airplane Company plant at Santa Monica, California, for the entire output of Bach passenger transport planes for the next two years.

This announcement came officially from Charles V. Eakin, president of the Union organization, following a recent trip from his headquarters at Portland to Santa Monica, where he signed a contract with the Bach company. Eakin was accompanied by H. Clay Bernard, vice-president of the Union Air Lines, and head of the coastwide investment house bearing his name, which is handling the Union securities.

Commenting on the tremendous increase in air travel recently, Eakin said:

"Public demand for reservations in passenger airplanes flying on regular schedules over the Pacific Coast region is far greater today then the capacity of constantly expanding equipment. The business of the Union Air Lines has increased approximately 500 per cent since we started operations last March. We have been compelled to turn away many thousands of dollars on account of the lack of planes to accommodate a long waiting list. In March we carried 269 paying passengers; April 350, May 703, June 732, July 913, and the August total will exceed 1200. With the expected delivery by the Bach factory of several additional planes in a few weeks we will be able to double our traffic through additional schedules, as the public clamor for reservations is increasing daily.

"The traveling public has come to a full realization that air travel is safer and more comfortable than any other method of transportation, not to mention the saving effected in time and money. Government statistics prove that there are more accidents on street cars, trains, boats and automobiles in one day than there are in airplanes in months, despite the fact that the relatively few airplane accidents, usually due to unlicensed planes and pilots, are still emphasized as big news."

EAKIN and Bernard completed an inspection of the Union properties all along the coast during their trip in a Union air liner. In line with the expansion program of their company they consummated an agreement with the Maddux Air Lines, Pickwick Airways and the British Airways, on rates and concurrent connections, whereby each of the companies will sell through air passenger tickets from San Diego to Vancouver, with more than 1000 offices and ticket agencies through the coast region involved in the deal.

A lease was signed by Eakin with Supervisor Milo F. Kent, chairman of the Airport Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, for 10,000 square feet of space at Mills Field for a Union service terminal.

Bernard enumerated the features of the expansion program adopted by the Union Air Lines directors as follows:

Daily schedules between San Francisco and Portland and Seattle, substituting the present tri-weekly service, to start September 15.

Four round trips daily between Portland and Seattle, instead of two.

Additional schedules between Portland and Spokane and the East.

Purchase of Capital Airlines of Sacramento completed. Latter service to be continued to valley points and used as feeder to main line.

Closing of deal with Bach Aircraft Company of Santa Monica for entire output of planes for next two years, including special orders for planes equipped for fourteen, twenty-one and thirty-five passengers.

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Hold a Rooters' Reunion at the big game, September 15.

Two Birthdays, But Only One Cake

Janitor Frank Rafael, Police Captain Charley Goff and Head Janitor William Carr wishing the mayor happy returns

The J. P. Holland Company, contractors, start work on the magnificent new $6,000,000 War Memorial Building

The world's champion mayor celebrated his fifty-ninth birthday on August 22 and received the felicitations of friends far and near. The picture at the right shows him receiving a floral gift from THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE.

San Francisco's beautiful War Memorial, a magnificent addition to the Civic Center, is now in course of construction. Pictures on this page show the ceremonies when the J. P. Holland Company began work August 20.

The Mayor, Tim Reardon, Judge Troutt, Walter Schmidt, A. W. Widenham and Frank McDonald at the War Memorial exercises

The Mayor sets the wheels in motion. Louis Monteagle, Tim Reardon and A. W. Widenham lend their assistance

San Francisco Knows How. See you at the game, September 15.

Play, the Antidote for Gang Evils

By JOSEPHINE DOWS RANDALL
Superintendent of Recreation

THE municipality has no more important mission than making provision for the right use of leisure time for all ages and for all groups. It is good business. It costs less money to prevent crime than to correct it. "The use of a nation's leisure is the test of its civilization."

JOSEPHINE DOWS RANDALL

Organization and supervised recreation are no longer considered a luxury but one of the best investments a city can make. It is more necessary now than in the past because the method of living and the home conditions have changed so materially during the past few years, while the natural instincts of the child have remained the same.

Automobiles have made the streets unsafe for play, yards are smaller, families are smaller, and many of the chores which occupied the time of the boy or girl of the last generation have been taken from the home. Endless mechanical devices might be mentioned which make it ever more difficult for the parent of today to find something to occupy the time of the boy or girl when not in school.

The play and education of the child must go hand in hand. A prominent educator has said: "I consider that one of the prime objects of a system of public education is the training of the boys and girls for the right use of leisure." Training for the right use of leisure must begin in babyhood and as the child passes through the different play periods opportunity should be provided for the finest kind of expression of all its normal play instincts.

Every child has the instincts for eating, sleeping, and playing, and it is just as important to direct the play of the child as it is to direct its eating and its sleeping.

Play has been termed "the expression of the different needs of the organism during the different stages in development." It is the play opportunities provided by the home and community during the different stages in the development of the child that largely determine its character.

THE playground movement has had the big task of educating the general public to understand the real purpose and need for playground work, to educate leaders to direct the work, to obtain the necessary funds to carry on the program, and to keep the development plans ahead of the city's building program.

During the past two years the Playground Commission has made a careful study of the playground situation in San Francisco. Delegates from all parts of the city have met with the Playground Commission, pleading for playgrounds in their neighborhoods.

The school-age child population of San Francisco is approximately 90,000. The total area now provided for supervised playgrounds consists of 85.35 acres divided among twenty-two playgrounds, ten on the north side of the city, and twelve on the south side.

This area allows 41.31 square feet of safe play space per school child. If children under or over school age be included, the amount of available safe play space per child will be less in proportion.

Recreation experts recognize 200 square feet per child as a standard and 150 square feet per child as a minimum. San Francisco is far below the minimum. Additional playgrounds are a necessity.

In order more adequately to provide for the city's greatest asset, its children, a bond issue of $3,100,000 for the purchase and development of playground sites is proposed for the November ballot.

When the municipality offers convenient and interesting opportunities for the best use of leisure time out in the neighborhoods where the people are, many of our gang difficulties will disappear and young people will be building character instead of destroying it during their leisure time.

No subject is more widely discussed today than is play and recreation. This is because play and recreation is the recognized balance wheel in our rapidly changing living conditions and it is only by means of the right use of leisure that a proper balance can be maintained.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By Louise M. O'Hara

THIS is truly a joyous month. Chas. O. Levy sends greetings from Yellowstone Park and says, "This beats hammam baths for steam." Wm. Stetson is recuperating at Applegate, another hot place in the Sierra. Dick Harris is flirting with senoritas at Cuba. These boys surely love warm places.

Frances O'Neill and Winifred Gaffney are being thrilled in Los Angeles where they are visiting all the celebrities. Emma Foley is entertaining Byron Hot Springs with her clever quips. Wm. Thomas has just returned from a trip to the Bret Harte country. Cora White spent her time up the Russian River and came back with a fine coat of tan.

Poor Emil Klopfer spent his time at Hoberg's and as they do not give their guests anything to eat, poor Emil looks quite gaunt. Jimmie Gallagher is cockier than ever having fished all over the Northwest.

Our second important happy news is the wedding of the beautiful young daughter of John Sermattei, Adele, to J. Wilson Corcoran. We wish them every felicitation.

And last, and therefore the best, comes the joyful news of the arrival of James Bruce Boyd, who first saw the light of day on our genial Mayor's birthday. Mr. Harold Boyd's usual smile has a radiant glow which we hope he will retain through all the years of his father and grandfatherhood.

Help the engineers cinch the O'Shaughnessy cup.

Play-grounds

By VEDA BERESFORD YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

EVER since the inauguration of the "Lindy" League last year, and especially since the eventful visit of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh to San Francisco on Friday, September 16, 1927, the San Francisco Playgrounds have discovered thousands of youthful "Lindy's."

The great stimulus given to the aviation movement recently is certainly helping to make the children air-minded. Every playground and recreation department in the United States is helping to promote the National Playground and Recreation Association's program of aviation for the youth of the country. Such eminent figures as Colonel Lindbergh, Orville Wright, Porter Adams, President of the National Aeronautic Association of the U. S. A.; Commander Richard E. Byrd, United States Navy; Joseph Lee, President of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, and Harry F. Guggenheim are whole-heartedly supporting the movement. In San Francisco, leaders in civic, industrial, commercial and political life are vitally interested in the Lindy League sponsored by the San Francisco Playground Commission.

A fascinating sight was seen by all who witnessed the outdoor "Lindy" meet held at the stadium in Golden Gate Park on Friday, August 17. Scores of tiny planes driven by rubber motors were to be seen whirling through the air. The winners were:

Intermediate division, 13, 14 and 15 years of age: Event 1, rubber motor, hand launched; first, Evans Klingner, Argonne Playground, 31 3-5 seconds; second, Howard Hackley, Richmond Playground, 31; third, Ernest Hauesslein, Spring Valley Playground, 8 3/5; fourth, Arthur Johnson, James Rolph, Jr., Playground, 7 3/5. Event 3, scale model, rubber only; first, Arthur Johnson, James Rolph, Jr., Playground, 4 2/5. Event 5, speed, rubber motor only; first, Evans Klingner, Argonne Playground, 14 2/5. Event 6, novelty flights; first, Arthur Johnson, James Rolph, Jr., Playground, flew up side down and looped; second, Evans Klingner, Argonne Playground, parachute.

Senior division, 16 and 17 years of age: Event 1, rubber motor, hand launched; first, Ralph Hoeflich, Richmond, 59 4/5; second, Robert Kemp, West Portal, 30 1/3; third, Ray Johnson, Southside, 17; fourth, William Kuring, Spring Valley, 16; fifth, Joe Kiesling, Argonne, 9 3/5. Event 3, hand launched, scale model; first, Joe Kiesling, Argonne, 9; second, Ralph Hoeflich, Richmond, 4/5. Event 5, speed, rubber motor only; first, William Kuring, Spring Valley, 12 3/5; second, Ralph Hoeflich, Richmond, 17 3/5; third, Robert Kemp, West Portal, 40. Event 6, novelty flights; first, Joe Kiesling, Argonne, looping; second, Ralph Hoeflich, Richmond, booming.

THE indoor meet was held in the State Armory on Monday evening, August 20. Hundreds of scale models were placed on exhibition, and the size, assortment and workmanship were amazing. The planes varied in length from a fraction of an inch to over six feet. Leaders in the aviation field with Frank Flynn, Superintendent of the Municipal Airport, as one of the chief judges, selected the best models in each of the three divisions. The winners were:

Junior division; first, Tony Verlatti, North Beach; second, Fred Cash, M. S. Hayward; third, Hugh Jamison, Levi Strauss; fourth, David Benson, James Rolph, Jr.; fifth, Jim Kindt, Julius Kahn.

Intermediate division; first (to be selected); second, John Simpson, James Rolph, Jr.; third, Arthur John-

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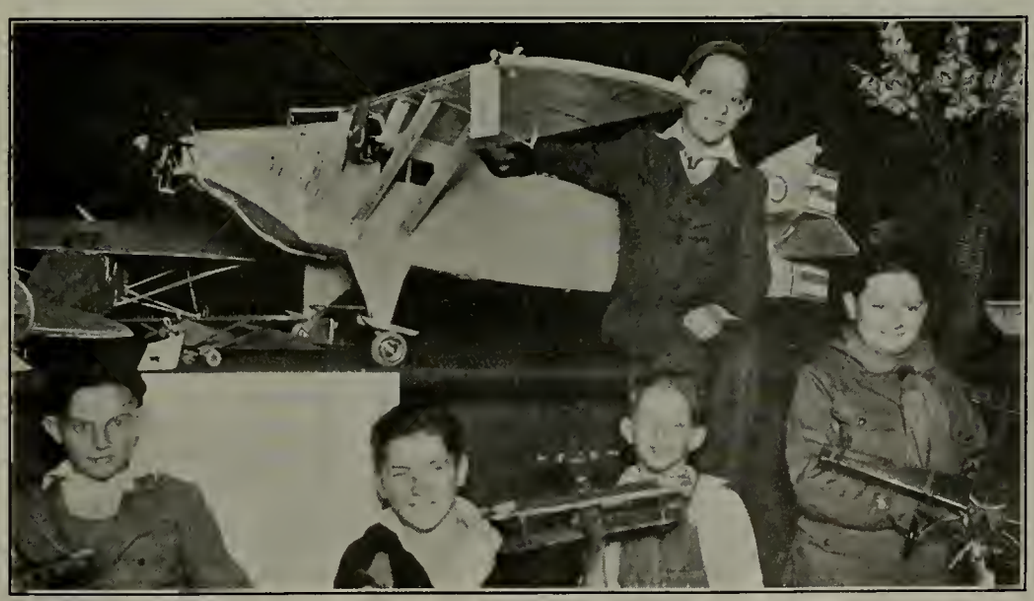

Tony Verlatti, of the North Beach Playgrounds, and his amazing reproduction of a tri-motored monoplane, which won him first prize in the Junior Division of the indoor Lindy League contest held August 20 at the State Armory under the auspices of the Playground Department.

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The New Kezar Stadium

By THOMAS F. CHACE
Consulting Engineer

PUBLIC interest in athletic activities has grown so rapidly in recent years that city officials generally throughout the United States have been pressed closely to keep up with the demand for athletic facilities. Such facilities usually include stadia for outdoor sports and pavilions for indoor events. At present the major outdoor attractions are, of course, football and track, while boxing and basketball draw the largest indoor crowds.

THOMAS F. CHACE
—Photo by St. Francis Studio

Beyond these generalizations each community must solve its own peculiar problems. For example, a great deal has been said lately of the success of certain cities in staging major football games. Usually these comments are accompanied by a query as to why a similar success cannot be met with in San Francisco. The answer is the proximity to San Francisco of two large universities, both of which are fully equipped with large stadia, while in those communities which enter successfully into major athletic events there usually will be found a college or university with a good, and therefore popular, football team but with insufficient funds to build a stadium. If the community is affluent enough to provide the stadium financial success follows as a matter of course.

Demand for a stadium in San Francisco became very insistent in or about 1921. As a consequence, the Park Commissioners were requested to investigate and solve the problem. San Francisco is extremely fortunate in having for commissioners first-class business men who seek and follow good advice. The matter of selecting a proper stadium program for a large city is full of emotional hazards.

That is to say, so many divergent interests must be brought together, unified and made work together in any public undertaking of this nature that it becomes extremely easy for those in authority to be led astray unless guided by the soundest advice based on experience. Foremost among those who have provided this kind of advice for San Francisco is Joseph R. Hickey, a man of sound judgment, broad vision, and wide experience in athletic affairs.

THE present site of Kezar Stadium was selected as the best available at that time and construction started on the first unit in June, 1924, and completed in December of the same year. In addition to the usual playing field for football, this contract provided a standard quarter-mile running track and two hundred twenty yard straightaway. Twenty-three thousand seats were provided around the field (with the exception of the straightaway) in the usual bowl form.

The type of construction for this portion was that commonly known as "half in half out," i. e., the seats are supported directly on earth slopes wherein the cut balances the fill. In addition to the customary seat structure, field, track, etc., the first contract provided drainage, water, sewer and power systems, concrete aisle steps, iron railings and oiled macadam on the slopes. The latter is capable of successfully resisting erosion and to a lesser extent the growth of vegetation.

The contract for the first unit was in the amount of $158,000, to which must be added the track cost (spent directly by the Commissioners) of $12,000, making a total of $170,000, or approximately $7.50 per seat. When the enduring qualities of the construction are considered this is seen to be a very reasonable price in comparison with other modern stadia. The general contract for the first unit was very successfully executed by Palmer and McBryde. Plans were prepared by Masten, Hurd, Bangs and Chace, Architects and Engineers Associated. Willis Polk and Company acted as supervising architects.

Work on the second, and perhaps final, unit is approaching completion rapidly now. Its completion will add about 40,000 seats, bringing the total seating capacity to about 63,000. In type it is an articulated reinforced concrete structure with a wooden deck covered with asbestos felt, on top of which is laid a coat of heavily sanded asphaltum. The new seat structure will conform to the existing one. A "gunnite" exterior wall completes the structure and provides a finished appearance to the whole.

The new seats are arranged concentrically about the existing ones in sections of variable radial depth. The maximum number of rows of seats added is forty-one and the minimum twelve. Two principal factors governed or determined the plan dimensions in this regard, viz.: limitation of site due to the proximity of the existing structure to streets and the amount of money available for construction at this time.

Incidentally, the new stadium will be far easier of

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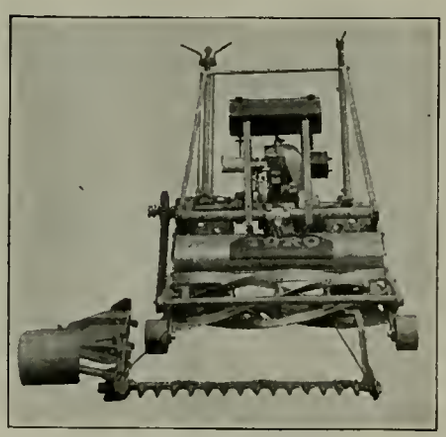

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BELIEVING it to be incontestable that no community can ignore the responsibility of providing locations where the people may, in their recreation hours, enjoy the popular pastimes, Joseph R. Hickey, Director of Public Recreation for the Board of Park Commissioners, enjoys, as an essential factor in his business, the task of providing for the sports-loving public of San Francisco.

—Photo by Boye

JOSEPH R. HICKEY

From the time he was appointed secretary of the first Playground Commission by the late Edward Robeson Taylor, then Mayor of this city, Hickey has continued actively in connection with every movement concerning the welfare of the thousands who look to organized sports for diversion, both as participants and spectators. He has encouraged a most desirable atmosphere in municipal advancement.

No athletic activity has failed to have his attention, and much that has been accomplished, he suggested. The Park Commissioner's sports executive has had a miscellaneous experience which is invaluable in his present supervision of athletic affairs.

As a sports writer on the San Francisco Chronicle for a number of years, he has gained an intimate knowledge of the public's viewpoint toward organized recreation. When Stanford University decided to build its new stadium, Hickey directed the financial and publicity campaign which brought about its construction. Later he participated in the same responsibility at the University of Texas.

A group of recreation enthusiasts, of which Hickey was one, were the original proponents of the present Aquatic Park site at the foot of Van Ness Avenue. This movement had its inception in 1912 at the time of the Columbus Day celebration. He is an official of the Amateur Athletic Union, the governing sports body of the United States, being an authority on rules and records.

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LESTER W. HURD CHARLES F. MASTEN

The New Kezar Stadium

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access than the old. The new plan provides direct access to South Drive in the park and also a bridge for the circulation corridor over the existing track straightaway. Undoubtedly the construction of the new high parapet wall, completely surrounding the stadium to a height of more than sixty-one feet on the western side, will add greatly to the comfort of the spectators at future games.

Excellent provisions are made for the press in the new plan. Under this heading come also radio broadcasting rooms, telephone and telegraph equipment and provision for loud speaker announcing within the stadium itself. In this respect this stadium will be one of the most up to date in the country.

REINFORCED concrete was selected for the structural material because of its high resistance to adverse weather conditions and fire hazard and because of its economy. Ready mixed concrete furnished by the Golden Gate Atlas Material Company has been used throughout, and results to date have been excellent. Most of the concrete has been mixed with Golden Gate cement furnished by the Pacific Portland Cement Company from its plant at Redwood City.

The contract for the second unit is being executed successfully and rapidly by J. A. Bryant & Company, general contractors of San Francisco. Masten and Hurd are the architects and the writer the consulting engineer for the second unit. The cost per seat will be about $7 for the second unit, bringing the total cost to date for the first and second units combined to about $7.25 per seat.

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Of Interest to Women

By Anita Day Hubbard

WELL, if here isn't September upon us, just as we had become rather used to August. It's always that way. Just one month after another, and so much to do and see that there's not nearly time to cover it all. But just a few hints to start you all off on the right track.

Of course there is the election coming, with the bonds and the presidential candidates, and so on. There'll be no end of meetings and excitement and all for the next two months, and then everybody will settle down and find that none of the terrible things have happened that were about to occur, according to the respective campaign broadsides. Nevertheless, I do hope you'll all register and see to it that you know what the score is, and not just emote instead of thinking about how to cast your vote. It's always easy to decide if you'll put a little time to it. But there—I'm certainly not going to talk politics. Maybe later, but not now. A little art will not be amiss.

THE East West Gallery in the Western Women's Club is planning a most exciting fall and winter season. Just at the moment Lucretia Van Horn, with her husband and two daughters, is holding an exhibit of the family art products, including her own drawings and paintings, wood carvings by the Colonel and some extremely interesting work in color and black and white by her two young daughters. Mrs. Van Horn was a pupil of the great modernist, Diego Rivera, and, while her work is entirely original, there is an undoubted bit of the spirit of the master in her work. The exhibit is one of the finest that has been on the walls of the gallery in a long time.

On September 6 there will be a preview of the Rockwell Kent paintings, the first that have ever been shown here, as part of the second anniversary celebration of the founding of the gallery. And, most intriguing of all, the great Rivera himself is coming to San Francisco in a few months, bringing with him a whole new set of canvases and drawings that he will show at the East West Gallery.

NOW for a little music. Of course there's the opera season, with all its galaxy of stars, and everybody getting ready with dresses and wraps and such so as to be as well turned out as possible. And the winter season of the Symphony, with our beloved Ursus Major, Alfred Hertz, swinging the stick, and as I write he has just come back to town, with a bagful of new scores and all ready to give us another fine menu of musical pieces de resistance.

Our tears only just dried after the disbanding of the Persinger quartet, comes the welcome news that the Civic Chamber Music Society of San Francisco has sprung full-fledged into being, and announces that the Abas String Quartet will produce six concerts beginning in October. Nathan Abas will play first violin, William Wolski second violin, Romain Joseph Verney the viola and Michel Penha the cello, truly a very excellent body of instrumentalists for such a purpose. There is nothing, not even a full symphony orchestra, that takes the place of the string quartet in the world of music, and for those who like the exquisite refinement of chamber music the coming series, managed by Alice Seckels, should be well patronized. More details later.

Naturally you'll all go to the dahlia show at the Palace Hotel on September 6, 7 and 8 to see what the bay region wizards have managed to do to the innocent and unsophisticated little Mexican flower, something like a cosmos in its original form, in the last two hundred years or so. You'll be surprised. And of course the dahlia is San Francisco's official flower, too, and that makes it better yet. See you at the show.

Now for just a peek at the fashions. If all the velvet that seems to be in evidence is used for dresses, I don't know what we'll do for plush furniture covers, and such, next furnishing time. Velvet is just rolling over everything, in so many lovely colors that one is likely to get all excited and buy two or three dress lengths. But don't forget that, except for black, velvet has a way of adding to circumference, unless it is most subtly draped.

Long skirts, of course, bless their graceful and protecting folds. No longer will the slim understanding of the flapper show up the matron's all too solid underpinning. The mature women may retire with perfect comfort behind the flowing draperies of the new fashion and carry off the banners for dignity and impressiveness. No woman, save a slim young one, can hope to look anything but clumsy in a skirt to her knees, especially in evening dress.

So be grateful to the frantic Parisian dressmakers, or whoever started the longer skirts on the road to popularity. At last forty can again raise a languid lorgnette at impudent sixteen without running the risk of a slight snicker on the part of the younger generation. And besides, the feminine appeal of tulle and ruffles is not to be trifled with.

With which suggestion, we'll say au revoir for another month.

Wisdom

IT was a night of early spring,
The winter sleep was scarcely broken;
Around us shadows and the wind
Listened for what was never spoken.

Though half a score of years are gone
Spring comes as sharply now as then—
But if we had it all to do
It would be done the same again.

It was a spring that never came;
But we have lived enough to know
That what we never have, remains;
It is the things we have that go.

—Sara Teasdale.

SUNDAY COMES BUT ONCE A WEEK

By Martha Adams
The Best Foods Home Economics Service

A SPRIGHTLY hostess whose latchstring was always out, greeted an old friend who dropped in for supper on Sunday night, with words which belied her smile of welcome. "It's Sunday night and there isn't a thing in the house," said she. "Surely you have

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Captain Casey "Cops" Call Cup

Firemen Fall for Fairway Frolic

Captain Jack Casey (left) taking the Call Cup presented by Frank Noon (right), Chief D. J. O'Donnell helps. In the background is Handicapper J. Rufus Klawans

By FRANK P. NOON
Golf Editor of The Call

ONE of the most novel golf events, or fairway frolics if you prefer, ever staged in California was held on the Municipal Links at Lincoln Park recently under the auspices of The San Francisco Call.

It was the firemen fighting the police on the fairway. The blue-coated guardians of law and order won by a margin of 8½ points to 6½, in what was really the closest sort of a cup campaign.

The police squad, captained by Captain Jack Casey, was outnumbered by the firemen in the qualifying round, but in the team match for The Call's perpetual trophy its members proved themselves cleverer with clubs than did the firemen, captained by Chief D. J. O'Donnell, and won the honors of the inaugural contest by a margin of two points.

Team Match Summary

POLICE

Fred Lemon, Otto Meyers	2½
Jack Casey, Grover Coats	1½
L.J. McAllister, D.F. Anderegg	0
Dave Dillon, Walter Meyer	3
E. A. Clancy, F. Bowerman	1½
Total	8½

FIREMEN

John Wall, John Griffen	1½
J. E. Egan, Clarence Pichel	1½
D. J. O'Donnell, W. Sweeney	3
E. Comber, Bobby Burns	0
Wm. Dunn, Chas. Fordyce	1½
Total	6½

The idea of policemen and firemen golfing would have been scoffed at twenty years ago, and so were wrist watches for men, but times are forever changing, and when The Call announced the date of the qualifying round and team match, Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien and Fire Chief Thomas R. Murphy enthusiastically issued orders to their respective aids and plans for the match got underway with Captain Casey and Chief O'Donnell enlisting all the available fairway talent in their respective departments.

EVEN the fire and police commissioners waxed enthusiastic over the match. Police Commissioners Theodore J. Roche, Andrew F. Mahony, Dr. Thomas E. Shumate and Jesse Cook each donated a check to secure merchandise prizes for the winners in the qualifying round. Fire Commissioners William A. Sherman, Alfred Ehrman, P. W. Meherin and William McCabe likewise contributed an equal amount for the purchase of prizes.

Tee-time arrived. A heavy fog settled over the course which, coupled with a smart breeze sweeping in from the ocean, made playing conditions anything but ideal. But did the cops and firemen complain? They did not! Spectators conceded the firemen the edge on the ground that the fairways and greens were wet and that the firemen would naturally feel more at home than would the policemen. Maybe they did and maybe they didn't. The fact remains that the scores turned in proved that the climatic conditions failed to dampen the ardor or lessen the ability of any contestant.

John Wall, a broad-shouldered fireman, tied with Captain Jack Casey and Detective Otto Meyer for low gross, each scoring an 80. Captain Casey's card, plus his handicap, gave him low net so he withdrew, and in the play-off of the tie, Meyer shot a 74 against Wall's 75 to win the prize.

Handicaps were arranged by J. Rufus Klawans, prominent Olympic Club golfer, who stationed himself at Number 1 tee. Each contestant was asked to name his best golf score and where made, and in turn was given his handicaps. It might be mentioned in passing that all of the boys told the truth, and nothing but the truth, for the handicaps handed out proved correct in each instance, as the scores showed when the smoke of battle had cleared and the writer presented The Call's handsome trophy to Captain Jack

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Everett Junior High School

By W. H. DeBell
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

THE Everett Junior High School is the result of most careful planning, both as to exterior appearance as well as to its interior adaptation to and accommodation of the junior high school program. The architect, Mr. John Reid, Jr., gave thoughtful consideration not only to many plans of the best architects in other cities, but also to lines of special suggestion offered by the superintendent. As a result we have one of the most complete and attractive educational institutions to be found anywhere in this country.

The corridors are wide and the building in general affords a liberal and comfortable accommodation. The school is intended to house a minimum enrollment of 1600 students.

The general administration offices are conveniently located and of liberal size and include a general business office, principal's private office, and offices for the two vice-principals.

It is equipped with an auditorium well arranged and sufficiently large to seat the entire school. It has a gymnasium for girls and a gymnasium for boys, with showers for each, both of large area and well lighted, and with equipment for necessary corrective work.

The home economics department is well appointed and affords facilities in the various lines to meet the needs of girls in sewing, cooking, dressmaking, home making, millinery, etc.

The boys are accommodated through special shops for work in wood, sheet metal, electricity, printing, and through a general shop in which they have opportunity for the study of the gas engine, automobile repair, and elementary machine work.

The science laboratories are well planned and properly appointed.

The school is supplied with a cafeteria suitably equipped for the preparation and service of the midday menu. It is sufficiently large to seat 400 pupils.

The playground has an area of approximately an acre. It will give space for nearly all kinds of games and student activities.

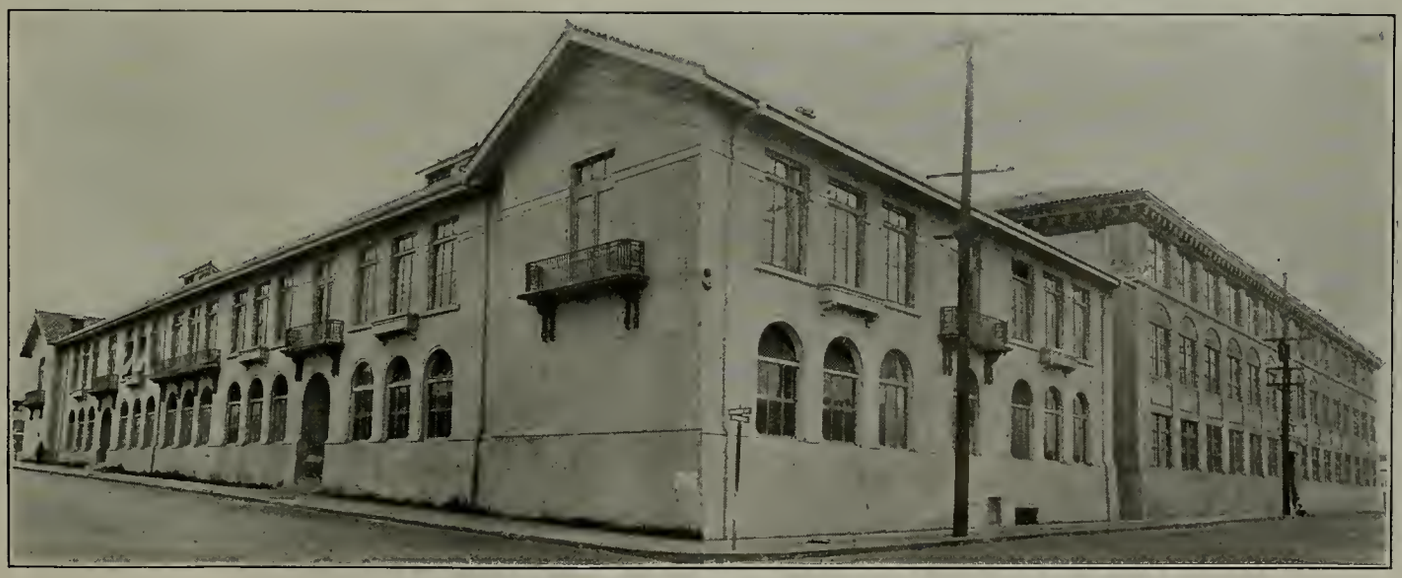
All in all, the Everett Junior High School plant is worthy of San Francisco. The educational and physical features incorporated have heretofore not been realized in any junior high school building in the city. Therefore, for the first time, a real, modern junior high school program is being put into effect in San Francisco in the Everett Junior High School.

The cost of operating the public school system in San Francisco is estimated at $8,750,000 for the fiscal year. This includes ninety-four elementary day schools, nine junior high, eight senior high, four evening high and schools for handicapped children, as well as special health classes.

New building projects listed by the Bureau of Architecture as having been completed during the year for the school system include the South End High School, $352,249; Portola Junior High, $484,388; Edison School, $355,148; addition to Commodore Sloat School, $126,557; addition to Galileo High School, $517,333; Everett Junior High School, $993,342; addition to Madison School, $103,518; addition to High School of Commerce, $41,494; addition to Sunnyside School, $222,599; and Hearst-Moulder School, $321,881. Projects begun during the year include addition to Jefferson School, $84,434; addition to Edward Robeson Taylor School, $104,369; annex to Paul Revere School, $169,420.

CITY EMPLOYEE KILLED

Fellow employees of the Board of Works were shocked on July 29 at the news of the death of William Wertz, who was struck by a street car as he returned from work on July 4. Wertz died at St. Joseph's hospital, after lingering for four days.



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DURING the past month it has been our pleasure to add a number of stenographers to our force, and we take this opportunity not only of welcoming them, but also of expressing a sincere hope that they will enjoy their work with us.

Miss Mildred Hurlburt has been permanently assigned to our Accounting Department. Miss Rose Connelly was sent to the Galileo High School, Miss Florence Weinstein to the High School of Commerce, Miss Ida Roschmann to the Lowell High School, Miss Elsie Gruber to Polytechnic High School, and Miss Grace Cheney to the Mission High School.

Several transfers of stenographers were made effective recently and we know the girls are going to like the work as well as the environment of their surroundings. Mrs. Irma Argenti was transferred to the Balboa High School, Miss Vena Ward to the Everett Junior High School, Miss Edna Gilchrist to the Noe Valley Junior High School and Miss Myrtle Woodall to the Superintendent's Office.

We wish to take this opportunity to express regret concerning the prolonged illness of Mrs. Margaret McInerney of the Galileo High School. We learned recently that it will be necessary for her to extend her leave of absence for about four months, and we hope that during that time her health will improve to such an extent that she will come back in the "pink of condition."

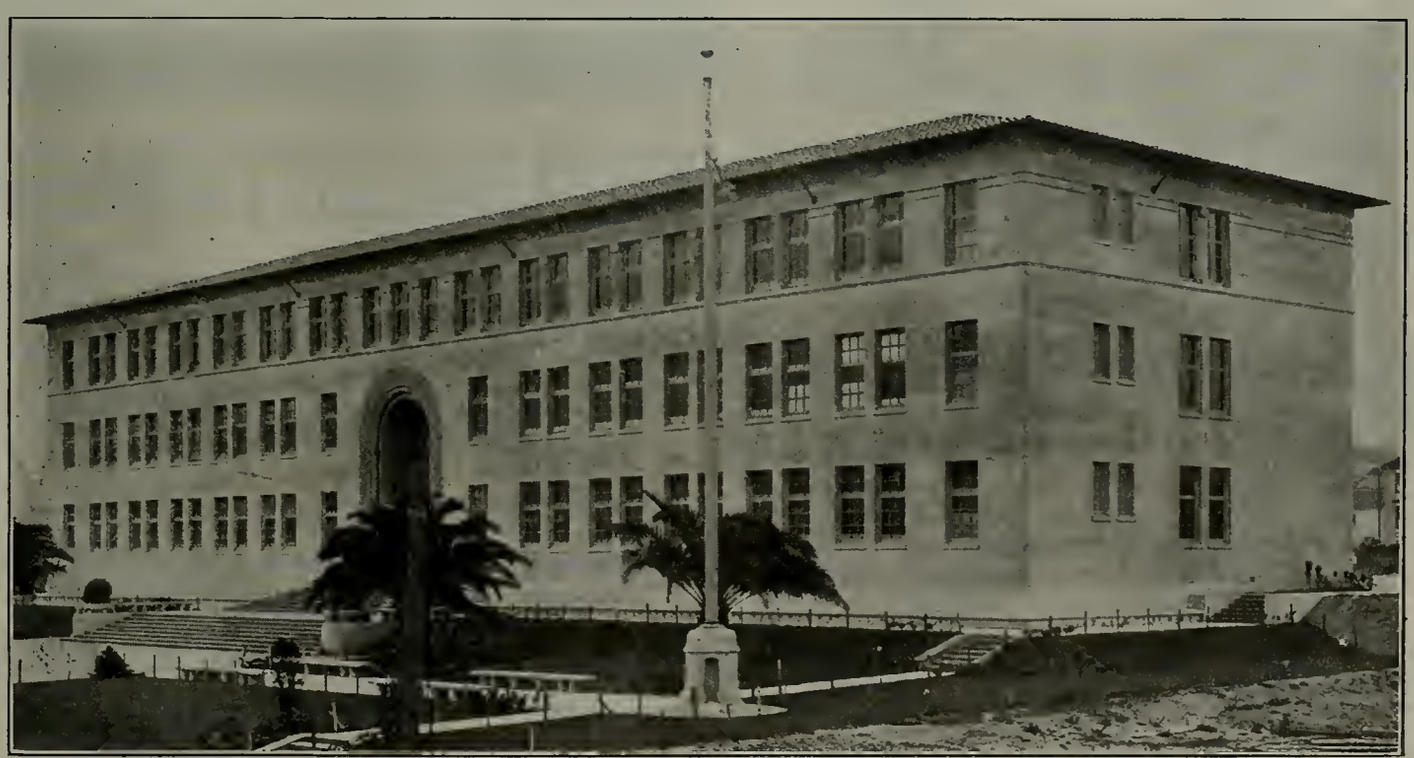
Vacations are pretty well over now, and, while we cannot take space to write up the pleasures of each individual, we hope that those who have already "vacationed" had the wonderful times which they anticipated. To those who still plan to go away we say, "Best wishes."

RETURNING refreshed from their summer vacations, teachers and pupils in the San Francisco school system opened the new term on Monday, August 20. Superintendent of Schools Joseph Marr Gwinn estimated that approximately 100,000 students were enrolled on the first day.

The term opened with an enlarged seating capacity for pupils, three new edifices receiving their full quota, the Balboa High, Everett Junior High and the John Muir Elementary. With the opening of the new buildings, as well as additions and alterations made to the old during the summer, the school department was prepared, on the opening day, to take care of every pupil.

New courses of study worked out under the direction of Dr. William Proctor of Stanford University were placed in effect in some of the schools and a complete system of adult education will be put into effect for the first time under the State Department of Adult Education.

Evening schools also opened the new term on the same day, evening high school classes being conducted at the High School of Commerce, the Humboldt High, Polytechnic and Galileo. Elementary evening classes are being held at Lincoln, Horace Mann and Hamilton grammar schools.



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Popularizing a Public Library

By ANNE M. FARRELL

THERE are many theories as to the reason for the existence of a public library. The words themselves seem distinctly to define that such an institution is a place where the people of a community may have the free use of books. However, in the minds of many citizens, a library, particularly a public library, is a beautiful example of architecture, in which is housed a large amount of literature, the path to which is strewn with various hindrances, of which the less violent are, "red tape," guarantor's signatures, references, and other impedimenta.

After a prospective cardholder has reasoned out the process of obtaining a library card, he begins to attain a certain belief in his library. "Red tape," that bugbear of all public institutions, melts away in the understanding that some ruling must be maintained to assure that the rights of an individual are not abused.

If a library can get a borrower this far along the path of library usage, it has a reasonable chance of making him a steady, satisfied patron.

The psychology of readers in a mass, and individually, is given much thought by those whose business it is to build up a library and help the community in satisfying the intellectual ideals of the people. In certain library circles in the East a new method of stirring up interest in books was tried out. Books in which public interest had lessened or died entirely, were rebound in bright colored bindings, termed by the binders, "jazz bindings." A noticeable increase in the circulation was the result. Mr. Robert Rea, the librarian of the San Francisco Public Library, decided to try out the idea, and when several of the fiction books were sent to be rebound, instructions were sent to have them in the new, bright bindings. The public caught the feeling, and favorable comment has been heard, and, what is more important, the books have been circulating to a surprising degree.

Another scheme to keep the public interested in its library is the compiling of classified lists. This makes the selection of books a simple matter. Nearly everyone is partial to some particular type of story, or subject, and if they are able to have lists at their disposal, classifying each type of story, they quite often take out two or three books, when their original idea was to take but one.

Posters, too, are a source of publicity to a library. We have tried using posters advertising a certain book, and the popularity of that book would soar far beyond another given book, which might have many more claims to public appeal. The name of a book on a poster seems to have something intriguing about it, and is certainly a successful method of popularizing any book.

The movement in the schools to encourage juvenile reading has done much for the public library. It is reasonable to suppose that if a child becomes acquainted with the library, and enjoys its privileges, he will not lose that interest when his viewpoint expands. On the contrary, his enthusiasm will probably bring others to the library, and in many instances older brothers and sisters or parents have been brought to the library by the interest younger children have displayed in the realm of books.

Suggested reading courses are an attractive method of aiding the public in its reading. Formerly one glance at a suggested list for a reading course put off immediately for a distant day the reading of any of the suggested books. It seemed as if the compilers of such lists determined that the public was going to read the dullest, most stupid books obtainable. But modern methods have crept even into the reading courses. When an individual needs a guide to reading, he must be treated like the neophyte attempting to acquire a liking for olives, a little at a time will ultimately do the deed.

Therefore, librarians and teachers have recommended a happy combination, where one finds a book by Jack London rubbing shoulders with a volume of Thackery. In this way a new reader finds the particular type of literature that is pleasing to him, and if that choice happens to be a light, frothy novel, we feel that at least we have that individual constantly reading, and it is more probable that he will turn to a better type of story than that he will continue being impressed with lesser writings.

The old idea that a library was a dusty place where professors and scholars crowded into corners with stuffy volumes has gone the way of hoopskirts and mustache cups. The professors and scholars are still very decidedly present, but on a busy evening the modern public library is no place to come expecting quiet corners with dusty volumes.

Crowds of eager readers, the business man, the housewife, the high school boy and many others throng the main rooms of the libraries. Busy youngsters in the juvenile department copy notes from encyclopedias, with an apprehensive eye on the clock.

The public library is indeed the great melting pot, for it is surprising the large number of foreigners who daily use it. Not alone books in the various foreign languages, but simple books in English, and pamphlets and treatises on citizenship. Libraries are rapidly coming to the foreground in adult education work, and particularly with the many foreigners that daily ask for aid in their numerous problems.

The work of popularizing a public library goes on, increasing as the field expands. New districts bring new problems. When deposit stations have been started in some of the outlying districts, it has been interesting to watch the growth of the circulation, as

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My Life, Duncan, Boni-Liveright.
Europe, Keyserling, Harcourt, Brace.

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Swan Song, Galsworthy, Scribner.
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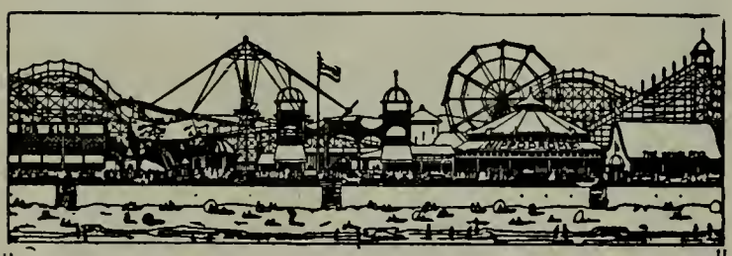

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the people of the community became conscious of this great privilege in their midst. The San Francisco Public Library has been fortunate in having attendants in these stations who are sympathetic with the new borrowers, and enthusiastic in their small part in the great work of making the people understand that the public library is a place where they may come without obligation and browse among the products of the greatest minds, in art, in literature and in life.

LIBRARY NOTES

The detective story is the most popular type of fiction that is being written today; next in popularity is the Western tale, then the adventure story. The character story, while still important, has lost many of its followers, but writers are expecting the character sketch shortly to retrieve its lost popularity.

"Mother India" still remains the most popular book of non-fiction, if one is to judge by the reserve postcards filed in the Reserve Postal Department. Mrs. Grace Nicholsen, who is in charge of this department, says that the demand necessitated the purchase of many additional copies, but that the public realized the heavy demand and was prompt in returning the books.

The fall supply of fiction is on its way. Although publishers send out books during the entire year, the fall and spring offerings are of prime importance. The advance reviews list many of the favorite authors, and the books seem to be above the average in plot and action.

Two of our desk assistants had a rendevous with Cupid during their respective vacations. Miss Isabelle Lasar was married in Mexico to Mr. John Morgan, while Miss Margaret Potter chose Reno for the scene of her marriage to Mr. Max Woerner.

Mrs. Mary Edie Watson, who has been an assistant in the Catalogue Department for the past three years, resigned and will make her home in New York.

Miss Frances Langpaap, erstwhile editor of the library division of the MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE, spent an enjoyable vacation in Oregon, and later took several Campfire Girls to Zayante. Miss Langpaap is a Campfire Guardian, and is doing some splendid work among girls of the teen age.

Tom Daly Honored

WHILE Tom Daly, special officer assigned to Mayor Rolph's office, was wondering what it was all about, police dignitaries, headed by Chief O'Brien, marched into the Mayor's office one day early last month. A few minutes later Daly was summoned to appear before them, where he was put on the carpet for a good ten minutes before Chief O'Brien, and the Mayor revealed that it was all a joke. Then they pinned a new badge on Tom and raised him to the rank of a full-fledged detective sergeant.

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Editorial

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Marina are of no less importance. The Civic Center, beautiful and imposing as it is, has gone for more than a decade unfinished, and as a matter of civic pride the $1,000,000 asked for its completion should be voted.

Although plans for the campaign on behalf of the bonds have not yet been announced as this issue goes to press, it is probable that a general campaign committee will be formed and a consolidated campaign conducted on behalf of all the issues. Such a committee as that which successfully conducted the campaign in May would prove an intelligent and efficient one.

After all, $15,000,000, when asked for vital necessities, is not a big thing for a billion dollar city. Let's take our coats off and put it over.

CITY ENGINEER O'SHAUGHNESSY and his team of baseball players have certainly won the right of unqualified support from the rest of the city government by their showing against the Los Angeles engineers on August 25.

Like a chapter from a novel is the story of their success. Unorganized and untrained, they received last year a challenge from the engineers of Los Angeles, undisputed champions of Southern California and claimants to the championship of the state. "We have no team," said O'Shaughnessy, "but we can get one." And he accepted the challenge.

Within a few weeks the team had been formed, had held initial practice and had gone to Los Angeles to win the first game it ever played. A few weeks later, in November of last year, the Angels, rankling under what they called a fluke defeat, came to San Francisco to even up the score. They were defeated again.

All this might have been accident, but on August 25 last the O'Shaughnessy champs again went to Los Angeles and again fought their way to victory.

The decisive game of the two years will be played in San Francisco on September 15. If the O'Shaughnessy men win they will come into permanent possession of the cup donated by Mr. O'Shaughnessy himself under condition that it become the property of the team which wins the annual series for two successive years.

Every city employee who has an ounce of civic pride ought to be at the game on September 15 to give heart to the team which has already done wonders.

GEORGE LIEBLING, internationally honored pianist-composer whose successes in Berlin, London, Vienna and Munich, have been recently repeated in the United States, will make his Pacific Coast debut to music-lovers this fall as guest artist with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra in the first of the 1928-29 series of municipal popular concerts.

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Office Employees' Association

By William T. Bonsor

WHAT this Association has done for office workers in the employ of the City and County of San Francisco has been urged as a subject for this issue of the Municipal Employee by the officers of this Union.

Past accomplishments will be covered in the briefest space. We came into being in 1909. The large number of clerical workers were then receiving a minimum rate of $100 per month. In a few instances department minimums were $125. This was rare. Today the minimum rate is $200 per month except in very few individual cases which will undoubtedly be rectified in the near future as we have been working in that direction for some time and have been practically assured of obtaining this result. This has been mainly accomplished through the efforts of Organized Labor, represented by the Office Employees' Association and the San Francisco Labor Council. This condition compares favorably with other employments as few are resigning for the purpose of advancing themselves financially. In addition to the minimum our activities have directly and indirectly assisted large numbers of office workers to attain varying amounts ranging over $200 per month. No one will deny that the present salary status could have been secured except through the organized effort that has been ever hammering throughout the chambers and corridors within the City Hall. We challenge one to suggest the name of any organization other than those affiliated with Organized Labor which has used any substantial effort in this direction. We are not in any manner discontinuing our work in the way of increased salaries but are and will continue to the best of our ability toward the upward progress of wages.

Numbers of charter amendments, legislative enactments through the Board of Supervisors and State Legislature for the betterment of conditions for the men and women who work to live, have been sponsored and carried through to victory by the labor movement. Each and every piece of humanitarian legislation has originated in the halls of labor.

The proposed charter amendment providing for a Utilities Commission was to be submitted to the voters with a provision that the Commissioners were to have complete authority in the setting of all wages for the employees of the utilities that were to come under their jurisdiction. Fortunately this proposal will not be voted upon until next November. It is now being revised by the Judiciary Committee of the Board of Supervisors and those who had no opportunity before are suggesting changes which would eliminate this and other vicious provisions of the amendment. We suggested that the section relative to wages read that the Commission shall not be permitted to pay less than is paid for similar duties in the other departments of the government of the city and county of San Francisco. This suggestion was finally agreed to by the Judiciary Committee and the source of the amendment, the Bureau of Governmental Research as well as the representatives of labor. Office employees' Association is responsible for this suggestion, and it should be a source of happiness to the clerical workers in the employ of the Spring Valley Water Company who are soon to come under the wing of the city of San Francisco. This means much to them, and we now invite them to become members of the organization which has tried to assist them although they have not until now had the opportunity of becoming members.

The reclassification schedule which has been in the hands of the Civil Service Committee of the Board of Supervisors for the past month has received our undivided attention. This union, the Labor Council, and various other unions whose members are affected have been defending the rights and looking to the welfare of all the city workers most diligently. Our association has procured legal advice at some large expense in order to protect our members and all of those working in the several city offices. Protests galore have been presented verbally to the committee at its last three meetings and volumes have been and will be submitted in writing. We have tried to point out to the committee that the Civil Service Commission has not followed the law in procedure, and the committee will be likewise guilty unless the manner of procedure is changed so that each and every employee may know at a glance just where he or she fits in with the proposed classification. Our legal advice is that we are right in our contention relative to procedure.

We are assured that the committee will be instrumental in having numberless definitions of duties changed. The classification must be turned upside down and inside out to meet the protests filed and deal out justice to the employees involved. The committee informed the representatives of labor that changes are to be made.

The act provides that salaries as of September, 1924, cannot be reduced. The committee has assured us that salaries as they now exist will not be lowered in any instance but, on the other hand, will be raised where it is found, upon proper representations, a low standard is being paid where higher wages are merited. We have also been assured by all members of the committee that the wages now existing for entrance into the service will not be lowered in a single instance. These assurances have been made to the representatives of the labor movement. None other than representatives of labor have been seeking to protect the rights of the men and women employed by the city in this most important situation. Unions are organized for the purpose of advancing the interests of their members at all times, and they persist night and day down the avenue of time with no hesitation or side tracks to say nothing of those painful and costly periods of silence.

We welcome those who wish to participate in our work. The entrance fee is $3. This includes the first month's dues, which are $1 per month thereafter. We receive our mail at the headquarters located at 2940 Sixteenth Street.

Announcement is made by the Ingersoll-Rand Company, which furnished much of the equipment used in drilling the Hetch Hetchy tunnels, that it has just sold a 600 horse-power oil-electric locomotive to the Illinois Central Railroad. The engine was built by Ingersoll-Rand and the General Electric, and will be used in switching service in Chicago.

Let's go to the Ball Game. Remember the date, September 15.

Parks and Museums

By W. M. STROTHER

A HUGE stone, weighing about forty tons, has been moved, under direction of Park Superintendent John McLaren, from Golden Gate Heights to one corner of Larsen Park at Nineteenth Avenue and Ulloa Street, as an ornamental feature of the park. A bronze plaque will be placed upon the side of the stone, giving a brief history of the park and acknowledging its presentation to the City by Carl G. Larsen, pioneer restaurant man. The plaque is being executed by M. Earl Cummings, artist member of the Park Commission. The rock took three trucks, and the operations of four riggers for five days to change its location.

ADDITIONS to the collection of animals in the parks form the nucleus of what will, some day, be a real zoo. John L. McNab, prominent attorney, has given four black-tailed California deer about a year old. They were moved by automobile truck from his ranch near Ukiah to the stables near the Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park. Mr. McLaren has secured two new white pelicans of the American variety from the San Diego Zoo and they are becoming accustomed to their new home on Pelican Island under the ministrations of Pat McHugh, the Game Warden of Stow Lake.

Another brown pelican, which Albert Chaquette avers is the widow of the late lamented Pelly Brown, has winged its way from Seal Rocks to Stow Lake and appears to be well satisfied. In addition there are the white pelicans from Egypt that have been on the lake for some years, the gift of Mrs. Tevis. More recently two young black cormorants have been added to Pat's charges as residents of Pelican Island.

The Board of Supervisors has made an appropriation of $15,000 to be used in repair of the ocean side road in Lincoln Park, to prevent further land slides affecting this road. Superintendent McLaren has started work upon the drive and is receiving the coöperation of the army officers of Fort Miley, which is also affected by this roadway.

THE Park Commission is extending the sea wall at the Yacht Harbor, using for this purpose concrete piers discarded from the former location of the Beach Chalet, and also cobble stones discarded in the reconstruction of city streets. Foreman John Kane has a crew of men on this work, and he is also clearing out the lagoon at the Palace of Fine Arts, under the direction of Superintendent McLaren. A new convenience station has just been completed near this location in the Marina, and parking work is in process near the new home of the St. Francis Yacht Club.

Park Superintendent John McLaren spent his vacation at Lake Tahoe and brought back with him some fine photographs of great old juniper trees for which that section is famous.

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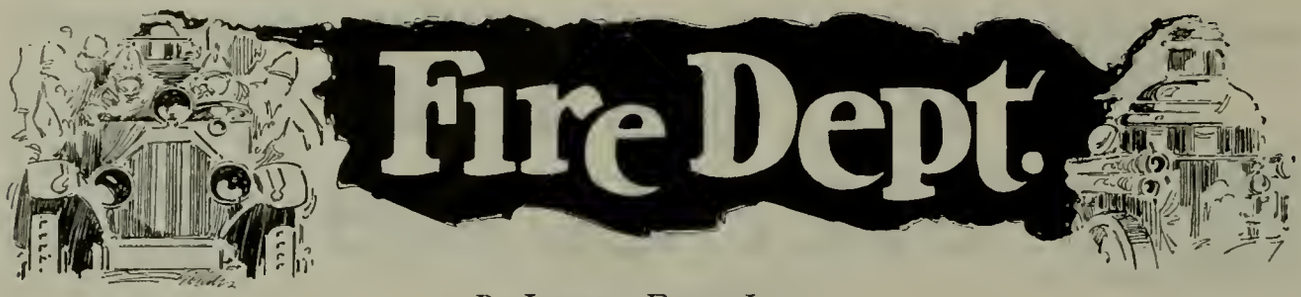
Carl G. Larsen, donator of Larsen Park and M. Earl Cummings, artist member of the Park Commission, taking a look at the forty ton stone moved from Golden Gate Heights to a corner of Larsen Park

O'Shaughnessy's Champs play on the home grounds September 15.



By LIEUT. FRED JONES

WELL, we don't want to say much about that Golf Tournament, but some of the boys surely dressed a swell game. Several of the down town stores were accused of lending their sports apparel. What about it, Johnny Wall? Sure is nice to be located near a large department store.

During the tournament some wise cracking gallery god wanted to know why our new brother Clarence Pichel didn't let his pants hang lower. Friends, they were not pants but were knickers. The kid is a hard boy to fit. Still you can't expect everything when on a dyeing and cleaning wagon.

Anyway our friendly rivals from the Police Department learned we were good sports. So that all would have a good chance some fair-minded boy started a third alarm during the early hours of the morning previous to the meet, and believe me it was a pip.

We were glad to be with our friends with the shining stars, but what upset most of the boys was the fact that the caddies of the Policemen were continually speaking of patrols.

"Pick up and go home" were famous words during the tournament and were used quite often by our dear friend, Captain Lemon.

Brothers Freeland and Schatz of Engine 17 failed to show after spending weeks using clubs in the alley and trying on sports suits.

Anyway the tournament was a huge success, and we only hope it will be an annual event. Too much praise cannot be given those responsible for bringing both departments together in such friendly competition.

Speaking of ghosts, our friend Bruhn of Truck 15 is an authority. We would like to hear about the happening of the "Spirits" that visited you when located at the quarters of Truck 2. Look out for the bad men in the forest, Pete.

Another thing: Who knows there may be "Spirits" who are mechanics. What about it, Pete?

Captain Rocca may be Mussolini at the Drill Tower, but he was just Mr. Rocca in Canada. What about that pleasant trip across the border, Cap?

After a recent exhibition as a "shortstop," Lieutenant Grimmenstein of Engine 16 was advised by his friends to take up polo. I wonder why. Can it be that bow legs are polo legs?

Terry McGovern, the auburn-haired boy of Engine 19, has taken up golf. His friend, Harry Linney, states that he couldn't hit a bull with a banjo.

Lieutenant Pengel of Engine 48 has finally decided to retire from playing baseball. Dutch claims that as long as he has to play the bench it is about time to hang up the glove and spikes.

Naldi Galiata of Engine 25 has lost all confidence in his friend Ed Flaherty as a barber. It seems that Naldi had to step into a barber shop on his way home one evening during the past month to have one of Ed's famous jobs completed.

Johnson of Engine 43 spent a few days hunting in the wilds of Sonoma. Milton claims that the deer are extinct. Better take your friend Oscar Pherson with you on the next trip. He can at least carry the canteen, and may change your luck.

That grizzled veteran of the department, Buddy Lamb, is surely setting a pace for the young "Jakies" of Truck 1. Since Buddie returned from Stanford he has all the boy's referring to their Websters in order to follow his oratorical flights of fancy. He takes them on trips through the sidereal universe, and into the higher realms of psychology and psychiatry. What's it all about, Buddie?

Our friend Dan McLaughlin of the Corporation Yard, better known as Yorkie Monahan's old time waltzing partner, recently walked off with the prize waltz, which was held at a picnic at Gilmore's Camping Grounds. And the best part of the act was that Dan's partner was a woman over 75 years.

At last. And what a find. A successor to the late Rudolph Valentino has been discovered in the person of Charlie McLaughlin of Truck 1. And what a revelation he proved to be as an exponent of the art of "Terpsichore" when he strutted his stuff against Pat Coryn in a prize waltz held recently in Marin County. Of course Charlie won the prize, but to him it amounted to nothing compared to the applause and adulation he received from the "Fair Ones" when "Big Crib" raised his hand in victory.

Try out your pencil on this for a while, boys: "A" runs a mile in four minutes and fifteen seconds. "B" gains two feet on every fifteen seconds. What is the difference in time that it takes each to run the mile?

Battalion Chief O'Donnell has surely proved to be a benefactor to some of the boys of the Department by arousing their interest in golf. Tom Brady of Truck 1 can attest to that fact. Prior to the recent Golf Tournament, Tom seemed to have lost all interest in life, but now he can be seen at Lincoln Park every day when off duty, with mashie in hand, knocking the ball into "Obscurity."

Listens like "Wedding Bells" for Captain Hartman of Truck 13. Since the word has been given out that the girl said "Yes," the boys are preparing themselves for the wedding. Griffin of Engine 12 has been teaching the Captain how to use the finger bowl and George Wyatt is priming his "Shandler" up for the event.

PATROLMAN BILL KING HONORED

Patrolman Bill King, who celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday and the fortieth anniversary of his appointment to the police department at his home on West Portal Drive early in August, was given a surprise "blow out" by the boys from Ingleside station. During his forty years of service Bill has never been on the carpet once.

O'Shaughnessy's Champs play on the home grounds September 15.

Municipal Railway

By EUGENE W. CLISBEE

CONDUCTOR ED VANDELEUR, president of the Carmen's Union, dropped in the other day after spending a couple of weeks in Napa, his old home town. He reported the fishing and hunting good and said he had brought down a five pointer, promising a fine supply of venison for the boys. After we had arranged for a handsome feed we were sadly informed that the venison had spoiled. We would suggest that Ed get in touch with Inspector Marshall and learn something about the preservation of deer meat.

EUGENE W. CLISBEE
—Photo by Hartsook

The "genial" Chas. Ryan and family are touring the southern part of the state. We are wondering if the "Marmon" is hitting on all six and hope that he arrived safe and sound.

Assistant Supterintendent B. H. R. Roberts and wife returned from a pleasant and enjoyable trip August 20. They journeyed as far as Mexico and visited many points of interest.

Maude Thompson, "the popular comptometer operator," is on her annual vacation. She is giving her new Ford a thorough trial on the southern route.

Dispatcher H. Vogt returned August 12 and informed us that he encountered some very fine climate during his trip through Oregon and Washington.

Conductor John Quinn, retired, passed away August 5, after one day's illness. He entered our employ December 28, 1912, and retired May 7, 1926. Previous to his entering our service he worked for the Geary Street Cable Company.

Motorman Burton A. Spitler passed away Monday, August 20. He suffered a stroke of paralysis August 8. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Spitler and family.

Jack Haggerty, Billy Williams and Thomas Farley of the mechanical department have purchased a "car" for $25 and equipped it with new tires and other accessories. They are contemplating invading the Northwest if the carriage stays together. The last time we heard from them was at Medford, Oregon, and the bus was still going strong. We understand that the car will be "For Sale" upon their return. Here is a rare bargain for anyone else that would like to have a cheap vacation trip.

Inspector Frank Bockmier is touring in the Pacific Northwest and reports indicate that Canada is a wonderful country. Frank just hates to leave, and we are scratching our heads trying to figure out the attraction.

Inspector Pierce Mulvihill is getting acquainted with the wild geese in the Park. We hope he has a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Solemink are vacationing at Gilroy Hot Springs. The writer hopes that the trip will be beneficial to them.

Patrick Heverin has moved to an upper berth. Moving was made easy by hoisting the furniture from the lower flat to the upper one. The Roadmaster is now looking at the world through rose-colored glasses.

William Bendel has built a "Little Dream House" among the pines in Redwood City.

Conductor Striethorst can be seen during his spare moments at Baker's Beach with the rod and reel, casting for the elusive striped bass. It has been recently reported that he nearly landed a big one, but after playing him for half an hour lost both hook and line.

Eddie Payne is doing some fancy diving in the Russian River these days. When it comes to swimming this boy is in a class by himself.

Mr. McCarthy is getting brain fever trying to figure out how Mr. Fish can take care of all those Sweeties that grace his new car. He is planning taking a crowd to Santa Cruz over the holidays.

Motorman E. J. Ellien is in Ward "S," City and County Hospital, and would appreciate a visit from any of his fellow workers. He received a broken ankle in endeavoring to fix the trolley on his car.

Motorman Lockhart has resigned his position and will be found in Santa Cruz. He is taking charge of Booth's Auto Camp, where he will be glad to take care of visitors. The camp is equipped with all the latest accommodations.

Mrs. Laura Andrews is going on her annual vacation and expects to visit former Sheriff Peter Curtis' resort, Skagg's Spring.

Instructors John Emmerling and Duke Ormsby have been very busy of late breaking in new crews for the new Judah Street car line.

BASEBALL NOTES

By John W. Thomas, Manager

OUR big right-hander, Artie Nuhn, is an improved pitcher since he had his old super fixed up. Art also developed a nice change of pace and is turning in his wins regularly.

Charles Ryan has unearthed a young player by the name of Bob Summerville, and in his performances to date has been living up to expectations. Bob makes

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Parks and Museums

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Superintendent of Small Parks and Squares Thomas A. Munro reports four of his men have been away on vacation; they are George Eaton of Union Square, John Medan of Alta Plaza, Carl V. Nelson of Washington Square, and Walter Phillips of Garfield Square.

Albert Chaquette, foreman of that part of Golden Gate Park about the boat house, spent his vacation in building an addition to his home in the Richmond. Darbey Laydon, George Graham and Pat McHugh of Chaquette's crew have also been absent on leave. Foreman Robert Owens relieved Chaquette and Hugh McIntyre was "bird-man" in Pat's absence.

Foreman Tom McMullen of the west end of Golden Gate Park has had two of his crew on vacation—Ed Darrow, who spent his time with his aged mother, who is ill, and George Brewster, who was absent on account of sickness.

Mrs. W. V. Belding, wife of the Superintendent of Children's Playgrounds in Golden Gate Park, has returned from a three weeks' vacation trip to Los Angeles and the southern beaches.

Walter V. Belding, Jr., is now a full-fledged freshman at St. Ignatius College, where he has enrolled in the law school.

Legion of Honor Palace

A ONE-MAN show of paintings by F. Luis Mora has been hung in gallery seventeen of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, where these superb canvases are attracting much attention. The artist is a native of Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, but his artistic training was largely secured in the United States. He was a student under Benson and Tarbell at the Boston Museum and later under Mowbray at the Art Students' League in New York City. Among his notable achievements are the decorations for the Lynn, Massachusetts, Public Library and the decoration of the beautiful home of Mrs. Sears in Brookline, Massachusetts.

The Jacob Stern Loan Collection of fine paintings and bronzes, and the Giovanni B. Troccoli of portraits and still life, as well as the large modern collection of paintings loaned anonymously, will continue on view indefinitely.

Troccoli has done a fine piece of work in the painting of a portrait of Dr. Cornelia B. Sage Quinton, Director of the Palace.

On September 9 will open an exhibition of oil paintings by Lorser Feitelson and his wife, Nathalie Newking. The pictures by these two well-known Los Angeles artists will remain on view for three weeks.

Opening about the middle of this month there will be an exhibition of fine photographic work collected by and exhibited under the auspices of the Pictorial Photographic Society of San Francisco. Those who saw the exhibition of this society last year will be prepared for another treat. The exhibition will continue until October 8.

Major W. W. Quinton, Curator of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, and Mrs. Quinton, the Director, spent a delightful two weeks on a motoring trip during the past month.

Football Schedule for Kezar Stadium

Sept. 16.	Olympic Club vs. West Coast Army
Sept. 18.	Polytechnic High vs. Sacred Heart
Sept. 20.	Mission High vs. Lick-Wilmerding
Sept. 23.	U. S. S. Maryland vs. Olympic Club
Sept. 26.	Polytechnic High vs. Lick-Wilmerding
Sept. 29.	St. Ignatius vs. University of Nevada
Sept. 30.	St. Mary's vs. West Coast Army
Oct. 4.	High School of Commerce vs. Sacred Heart
Oct. 5.	Polytechnic High vs. St. Ignatius High
Oct. 7.	Santa Clara vs. St. Ignatius College
Oct. 11.	Polytechnic High vs. High School of Commerce
Oct. 12.	Lowell High vs. Galileo High
Oct. 13.	Fresno State College vs. St. Ignatius
Oct. 14.	Olympic Club vs. Young Men's Institute
Oct. 17.	Lowell High School vs. High School of Commerce
Oct. 18.	Polytechnic High vs. Mission High
Oct. 21.	Navy (Pacific Fleet Champions) vs. Olympic Club
Oct. 24.	Polytechnic High vs. Cogswell High
Oct. 25.	St. Ignatius High vs. High School of Commerce
Oct. 27.	California Aggies vs. St. Ignatius College
Oct. 28.	West Coast Army vs. Young Men's Institute.
Oct. 31.	Mission High vs. Cogswell High
Nov. 4.	St. Mary's College vs. St. Ignatius College
Nov. 10.	Army vs. Navy (Armistice Day)
Nov. 11.	Olympic Club vs. St. Ignatius College
Nov. 12.	Lowell High vs. Polytechnic High
Nov. 16.	Polytechnic High vs. Galileo High
Nov. 17.	Gonzaga University vs. St. Ignatius College
Nov. 18.	St. Mary's College vs. Olympic Club
Nov. 25.	St. Mary's College vs. Young Men's Institute
Nov. 29.	Burlingame High vs. Polytechnic, a. m. St. Ignatius vs. Young Men's Institute, p. m.
Dec. 1.	St. Mary's vs. Santa Clara University
Dec. 8.	Championship, Native Sons of the Golden West
Dec. 29.	East-West Shrine Game

De Young Memorial Museum

CURATOR GEORGE HAVILAND BARRON of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum has again placed on view many of the Museum's collection of important and interesting documents having to do with early California history. These deal with men and events from 1602, when Viscaino discovered Mon-

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SENATOR PHELAN PRESENTS BUST

Senator James D. Phelan, president of the Library Board, has presented to the library a bust of former Mayor Edward Robeson Taylor. Eustace Cullinan, member of the Library Board, presented the bust in the name of Senator Phelan at the unveiling ceremonies on August 7. The bust, the work of Haig Patigan, has been placed in the vestibule of the main library building.

Ralph McLeran Passes

IN THE death of Ralph McLeran on August 21, San Francisco lost one of its dominant public figures. Strength and forcefulness characterized his sixteen years of service on the Board of Supervisors, where for four years as chairman of the finance committee, he controlled the finances of the municipality.

During his public life he fathered a score of the great enterprises which have placed San Francisco years ahead in the path of civic development. He took an active part in the acquisition of lands upon which the Civic Center now stands, and in the words of Mayor Rolph, "The buildings which now stand a glory to our city will be regarded as a memorial to his efforts."

"In his youth," said Dr. Frederick W. Clampett at the funeral, "it was a struggle against odds. In his broader life it was a struggle for principle. It was a great battle that he fought."

His death came as a blow to civic leaders and to those who had fought with him and against him in public life. In sincere tribute, both the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education adjourned their meetings on the succeeding Monday out of respect to his memory.

Department of Electricity

By Joseph P. Murphy

VACATIONS are still with us. Chief Fire Alarm Operator Chester L. Balliette is enjoying his vacation at his place up in Shasta. Ches is some fisherman when it comes to trout. The office force enjoyed the lot that he sent down ? ? ?

Joe Roney, from the same office, is up at Camp Mather. He was scheduled to go July 8, but got cold feet. Tell us why, Joe.

The Beau Brummel of the Inspectors, Eddie Collins, took his mother and dad on a motor trip through the South. That's the spirit, Eddie; don't forget the best and truest friends we have.

Our genial clerk, Col. Holley, is up in the northern part of the state. The atmosphere in the office has been quite clear lately. We miss you, Colonel, or is it the pipe?

Our outside Inspector, J. Wharton, was on a hunting trip in Trinity County and bagged a fine buck.

Our new Chief Inspector to be, Sam Curtis, is leaving on his vacation. He will be at home to all comers at his cabin up on Clear Lake. Plenty of axes, hammers and saws to go around, not forgetting the cigars, so all are invited. Sam's motto: "Keep your hat on your head at all times and a good cigar in your mouth and you will keep Solomon guessing." The hat and cigar will surely be missed. No, we do not need another loud speaker.

Operator McQuilkin has left for the Naval Reserve training camp.

Machinists Backstedt and Duncan, who work on traffic signals, are on their vacation. They ought to know when to stop and go by this time.

Joe Rossi, our storekeeper, just returned from the mountains. He could not stay away. Storekeeper is a good name; it would take a ten ton jack to pry anything away from Joe.

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The Purchasing Department

By Sister Susie

BEHOLD our genial Stationery Clerk in all his glory, guarding with infinite zeal his mighty stock of stationery. You all know Jack Finn. He gives out blotters and pen holders as generously as if they were his right eye.

But, seriously speaking, Jack is a good scout and a fine one to work with. He has to be watched closely, though, as the girls are really too much interested in him to suit the boss. One girl called on him so frequently that the boss had to limit her calling days to Thursdays unless the case could be proven urgent.

Jack's female admirers sometimes drive him to solitude. For instance, last Fourth of July he celebrated by going out to Holy Cross Cemetery. He found there that the Finn family plot was right next to the Flannagan plot. When the stationery department passes on Jack won't have to call "Dan" any louder than he does now.

Jack's vacation will commence soon. He is keeping it a secret as to where and when he is going. Of course, we all think it will be Skaggs.

Bubbles is going east again. We wonder if she will return this time or will she find someone else on the way. She is some little finder, that girl.

Susie knows you missed her in last month's issue, but she was on her vacation. She is charmed to greet you again with renewed vigor.

The Municipal Railway

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a good lead-off man, as he makes the chucker throw to him and gets away from the plate and steps down toward the initial sack a la Cobb style.

Sheiks Arata and Costello are two boys that garner their hits regular. They sure do crash that old apple.

Saxophone Eddie King is back with us after a long lay-off, and his all-around playing and stick work are a big asset to our club.

We have been winning regularly of late, and the teamwork and hitting has been very good. We have a tough game in store for us this coming Sunday, when we stack up against the fast Cartman Tire Team. We are confident that we can add another scalp to our belt.

The Auditor's Office

By J. Everett Sharp

BY THE provisions of the Charter the Auditor is entitled to the services of an attorney as a necessary protection in passing upon the great number and widely varied claims filed by the different departments for audit and payment. This is a service of a more intimate character than that attached to the office of the City Attorney to whom of course the Auditor can at all times appeal and with whom his personal attorney consults on affairs of heavier responsibility.

FRANK L. FENTON

The position of personal attorney has been filled, since the passing of the late Edward Moran, by Frank L. Fenton, whose wide experience in his profession makes his services specially valuable. Mr. Fenton is a native of San Francisco where, too, he gained his education, having received his A. B. and A. M. degrees from St. Ignatius College, graduating in 1902 from the Hastings College of Law and in due course admitted to practice.

Associated for long with the late Garret W. McEnerney, he had not alone the advantage of this wise counsel but as well the observation of procedure in important cases coming under his chief's direction.

For a considerable period Mr. Fenton has been connected with our public schools, continuing as a principal in the evening school. His varied record in educational activities, confidential posts and the law becomes of special value in dealing with the diversity of questions constantly cropping up in the Auditor's department, in many of which matters involving hundreds of thousands of dollars are involved.

Mrs. Ileen Hannen, after a month in Boston and vicinity, is again at her desk with a feeling of gratitude over having abandoned the plan of returning via the Canal, in view of the recent typhoons in the Bahamas. Her stay at the Hub was largely to get "atmosphere" for a society novel rapidly taking shape from her pen.

Henry Ingwersen also is on the job again after an enjoyable outing around the bathing beaches of the Pacific. While no aquatic events are scheduled for the near future Henry is optimistic and at the same time inclined to be secretive about a water carnival aimed to set a new record.

Ask Nash Bradley about "Peggy." He can tell you more tales about canine intelligence as exemplified in the aforesaid piece of dogdom than you may read in books. Peggy eats all kinds of fruits and vegetables, shuns a heavy meat diet and does everything but talk, sing and whistle.

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Works Board Employee Given Silver Cup

JOHNNY PEARCE is only nineteen years old and an employee in the corporation yards of the Board of Works, but he is the proud possessor of a big silver cup presented to him in the office of Mayor Rolph on August 23.

Johnny was summoned unexpectedly from the corporation yards and appeared in overalls before the Mayor, wondering what was going to happen to him. There he found the Mayor in the midst of a group of prominent city officials and fellow employees all ready to extend congratulations on his act of heroism in jumping into the rapids of the Russian River several weeks before to save the life of a drowning man.

Disclaiming any credit for his heroic deed, Johnny blushed profusely as he accepted the silver cup, donated by Albert S. Samuels, and also the offer of a two weeks' vacation from Gus Oliva, on Oliva's Properties near Rio Nido.

George Dillon Passes Away

GEORGE DILLON, associated with the Sheriff's office for many years, passed away while asleep on July 30.

George had been connected with the Sheriff's office since before the fire of 1906, having been appointed by Colonel O'Neill, Sheriff at that time. He also served for short periods in the County Clerk's and Coroner's offices.

Previous to entering the employ of the city he was identified with the Teamsters' Union, and played a prominent part in the teamsters'strike of 1901, being associated with the labor leaders of that time. He will be remembered by the old-timers as "Rusty" Dillon.

George Dillon was an efficient officer, a good father, and a sincere friend, and his loss will be mourned by many.

The Kezar Stadium

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orated lintel, while the same radial piercing on the Park side, where the wall is higher, has been handled with great arches framed in the graceful foliage of the fine old trees of the Rhododendron dell. These two systems are brought together at the monumental entrance developed into a dominating pavilion on the major axis, west fronting on First Avenue.

The great encircling wall has been decorated with cornice and base course, abrupt in scale, but handled with simple mouldings expressive of the materials used. On the south, or Lincoln Way side, an entrance motif featuring the minor axis opposite the Polytechnic High School, serves also to allow transition from the high encircling seat bank wall to the low enclosing wall along the street.

This latest unit to the stadium was built by J. A. Bryant, general contractor, who completed his task in one hundred and twenty-five working days, although it was estimated that it would take one hundred and fifty days. This in brief is the story that underlies the whole undertaking, which is another record of achievement in community affairs.

Of Interest to Women

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a dog biscuit," replied the unperturbed guest, patting her collie as he climbed out of his car. "I'll just go out into the kitchen and broil it."

This extreme typifies the informal pot-luck spirit of Sunday night hospitality, this most elastic and delightful of modern social customs. If the guest has a flair for making rarebit or possesses a salad secret of his own he is given a free hand to apply his talent. And if one can add to one's reputation for neighborliness, a porch whereon Sunday supper can be served in summer, unexpected motor guests are sure to seek this haven of refuge from hot crowded highways.

One clever hostess who always expected friends of assorted ages and interests on Sunday nights made up a number of seasonable menus and on Saturdays would check up with one of these, the supplies in her ice box and on the emergency shelf. Even while greeting her guests, she was organizing the details of a spread which was sure to be better than they could get anywhere else and always contained something unusual, the result of forethought in her leisure moments.

One of her menus, distinguished by a novel salad, was always satisfactory at the end of a motor trip:

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Sunday Night Salad — Saratoga Chips

Bread and Butter Pickles — Nucoa'd Rolls

Coffee — Jelly

Tea

The salad was a simple affair consisting of oranges, cut in thin slices and quartered, combined with cubed slices of Bermuda onion in the proportion of two oranges to one small onion. Served on crisp romaine leaves, each serving with the zestful addition of Best Foods Thousand Island Dressing, this intriguing combination never failed to call forth words of surprise and praise, followed by that most flattering tribute to cookery, a request for a second helping.

Park Foreman Dies Suddenly

FELLOW employees were shocked on Saturday, August 25, when they learned of the sudden death at Calistoga of Lawrence Marx, foreman of the conservatory in Golden Gate Park.

Mr. Marx had just completed a three weeks' vacation and was packing his grips for the return to San Francisco when he was stricken. Mr. Marx had been a park employee for nearly thirty years and spent his life under Superintendent John McLaren. The superintendent and many fellow employees attended the funeral on Monday, August 27.

Frank Slattery, foreman of the Park west of the Transverse Road, met with an accident the same day when he tripped on the stairs of his home and fell to the floor below. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital to have his head sewed up, but physicians say he is not seriously injured.

A bronze plaque of Abraham Lincoln, carrying a profile of the great liberator and an extract from his famous Gettysburg address, has been presented to the city by the G. H. Thomas Circle 32, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has been ensconced in the main corridor near the Polk Street entrance.

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In the Aviation Spotlight

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cisco population is steadily moving down the peninsula and in a few more years Mills Field will be even nearer the center of this city's activities. In bigger American cities airports have been established at a much greater distance from the business center upon the advice of qualified engineers and experts in aviation.

The members of the airport committee have learned that our city officials, business and civic leaders are not inclined to heed misstatements and implications broadcast by prejudiced individuals unbalanced by the glare of publicity possibilities. They have sponsored the plan of Mills Field, which is being copied by several American cities, and are now preparing a huge development program for the expansion of San Francisco's airport. Both city officials and business leaders are favoring the bond issue of $1,700,000 to finance the job which will make Mills Field the leading airport of the world.

Realizing the great future of the aircraft industry our city officials are cooperating with the business interests of the city in inducing manufacturers of planes and accessories to locate here. And there are very hopeful indications that their efforts will bear good fruit.

Commercial aviation is an established business of vast growth and the strongest security. Its future success is guaranteed, beyond the dreams of its most ardent enthusiasts. San Francisco will enhance that success and share in it through the finest airport service obtainable. We expect plenty of competition and adverse propaganda, but we will go right ahead with our airport plans, determined to hold San Francisco's eminence in commercial aviation.

Just as commercial aviation has passed the experimental stage to permanent success so has Mills Field successfully completed its period of experiment in municipal ownership. San Francisco's flying field, which is universally recognized as "America's Model Airport," is now a permanent business institution—owned, controlled and operated by the city of San Francisco.

I predict that Mills Field will soon become a self-supporting enterprise. Since it was established in April, 1927, Mills Field has each month increased its business. In July there were 1906 flights and 3709 passengers recorded, a gain of more than 60 per cent over June. Mills Field is now running at capacity night and day, despite the many improvements and expansions of the past year. With the passage of the coming Mills Field bond issue San Francisco will be prepared to secure her place as "the most air-minded city in America."

Mills Field Wins New Air Line

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Charles V. Eakin, president of Union corporation, accepts directorship in Bach company.

Affiliation of Union Air Lines with Pickwick Corporation and Bellam Travel service.

Lieutenant Carl D. Oppenheimer, U. S. Air Reserve, has been appointed Technician of the Union lines. He will be in charge of all equipment, mechanical departments and the pilots' staff, with headquarters in the

Lincoln Building, Los Angeles, where the southern offices of the Union organization are located. Sacramento offices have been opened at the Senator Hotel in Sacramento. The San Francisco headquarters are at 315 Montgomery Street, and the Portland office in the Pittock Block.

The first public offering of Union Air Lines securities, just released through H. Clay Bernard & Company, the proceeds of which, it is announced, will be used for additional planes and equipment, has met with immediate response, according to Bernard. He states that only a limited amount remains unsold of the initial offering of $250,000 seven per cent cumulative preferred stock, par value $10, fully paid and non-assessable, and participating up to 12 per cent.

The officers of the Union Air Lines, Inc., are:

President, Charles V. Eakin, Portland, Ore., founder of West Coast Stage Lines and Tri-State Lines, now among subsidiaries of the Pickwick Corporation. Vice-president, B. N. Wren, Los Angeles, Passenger Traffic Manager of Pickwick Stages System. Vice-president, H. Clay Bernard, San Francisco, President H. Clay Bernard & Company, investment securities. Secretary-Treasurer, M. E. Bollam, Portland, Ore., President Bollam Travel Bureaus.

Casey Cops Call Cup

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Casey, who in turn delivered it into the keeping of Chief O'Brien.

Following is the summary of the campaign for The Call cup:

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Captain Jack Casey, 80; Otto Meyer, 80; Captain Fred Lemon, 83; Lieutenant Grover Coats, 83; Leo J. McAllister, 84; Dewey F. Anderegg, 84; Walter Meyer, 85; David J. Dillon, 85; Fred Bowerman, 88; Eugene A. Clancy, 89; Ralph Grantley, 90; Otto Pyritz, 91; John A. Keegan, 91; William O'Brien, 92; Frank J. Trainor, 98; George B. Duncan Jr., 100; Russell Bevans, 103; Edward F. Healey, 105; Captain William T. Healy, 110; Ernest H. Lindenau, 121.

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By Sidney Smith

AFTER visiting the scenic wonders of Canada, which included the conquest of some of its highest peaks, Miss Pearl Kern is back at her desk regaling her comrades with stories of the thrills she and two girl friends experienced this summer. The girls were Edna Edstrom and Lila Kenney, both of Oakland. Not content with merely telling about it, Miss Kern produced numerous photographic evidences of her adventures.

The Mountain Climbers

Joe Cusack, inheritance tax deputy, is spending his vacation in San Rafael, where he reports that the climate of Marvelous Marin is proving an excellent tonic for Mrs. Cusack, who is an invalid.

Talking about vacations, one Jim Fogarty, formerly of the Mulcrevy tribe but now one of John Thieler's Merrie Crew, had his summer outing amid the festive frivolities of Russian River.

Treasurer Thieler recently received a check for $3,289,546.80 from the National City Company of New York for $2,500,000 worth of boulevard bonds and $700,000 of Bernal Cut bonds. This represents a premium of $51,196.80 and $38,350 interest. Receipt of the funds will materially expedite the city's boulevard program.

Playgrounds

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son, James Rolph, Jr.; fourth, Samuel Jung, Chinese; fifth, Albert Speers, James Rolph, Jr.

Senior division; first, Eldred Segal, Richmond; second, William Nichols, James Rolph, Jr.; third, Joe Kiesling; fourth, Ray Johnson, Southside; fifth, Ralph Hoeflich, Richmond. Honorable mention, William Fred White.

The judging of the scale models was followed by the most eventful part of the evening's program—the flying of the indoor planes. The air was literally crowded with miniature aircraft taking off, landing, side-slipping, zooming, tail-spinning and nose-diving. There simply was no zone of safety.

The winners of this contest were:

Junior division; event 2, rubber motor, hand launched; first, Thomas Yamamoto, Argonne, 9; second, Robert Wenburg, Argonne, 4 1/5.

Intermediate division; event 1, gliders, hand launched; first, Ignatius Encoyand, Twenty-first and Folsom, 5; second, Ivo Chasseur, Twenty-first and Folsom, 4 2/5. Event 2, rubber motor, hand launched; first, Evans Klingner, Argonne, 1 minute 58 3/5 seconds; second, Ivo Chasseur, Twenty-first and Folsom, 1 minute 25 seconds; third, Ignatius Encoyand, Twenty-first and Folsom, 1 minute 22 seconds; fourth, Howard Hackley, Richmond, 1 minute 19 2/5 seconds; fifth,

Ernest Haeusslein, Spring Valley, 1 minute 4/5 second. Event 3, scale model, rising off ground; first, Howard Hackley, Richmond, 23 3/5; second, John Radovich, James Rolph, Jr., 21 1/5; third, Ernest Haeusslein, Spring Valley, 9 3/5; fourth, Arthur Johnson, James Rolph, Jr., 7 3/5. Event 5, weight carrier; first, John Radovich, James Rolph, Jr., 1/3 ratio.

Senior division; event 1, gliders, hand launched; first, Ralph Hoeflich, Richmond, 6 4/5; second, Joe Kiesling, Argonne, 6 1/5. Event 2, rubber motor, hand launched; first, Ralph Hoeflich, 3 minutes 27 seconds; second, Joe Kiesling, Argonne, 2 minutes 3 seconds; third, William Kuring, Spring Valley, 1 minute 49 1/5 seconds; fourth, Mervin Swett, James Rolph, Jr., 3 seconds. Event 3, scale model, rising off ground; first, Ralph Hoeflich, Richmond, 37 seconds; second, Joe Kiesling, Argonne, 10 2/5; third, Joe Kiesling, Argonne, 8 3/5.

The James Rolph, Jr., Playground, of which Aileen Jones and Theodore Hamm are the directors, will receive a beautiful perpetual trophy for having the greatest number of entries in the league, and another perpetual trophy will be awarded to Argonne Playground, of which Norma Prendergast and Elmer Gaetjen are the directors, because their winners received the highest number of points.

Surely the Playground Commission appreciates the significance of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's words that "Any organization through which aviation is distributed is worthy of the fullest support."

VETERAN FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By John S. Farley

EIGHT applicants for membership in the Veteran Firemen's Association were elected at the regular monthly meeting held on August 7. They are Malcolm A. Neman, Thomas J. Delehanty, Charles L. Smith, George D. McGraw, John J. Moriarity, Emmet A. Rice, James J. Foye and Roy O'Connell. President William H. Brown presided over the meeting with all officers and a quorum of members present.

The association received a card of thanks from the family of our late comrade Frank Nichols, and also a communication from the Police and Firemen of Oakland relative to the Native Sons' celebration to be held there on September 10. The latter was referred to Comrades Kenealey and Shade.

When the meeting adjourned it was out of respect to the memory of the late Dominic R. Conniff and Frank Nichols, the members standing in silence for one minute.

VETERAN POLICEMAN DIES

Fellow employees of the police department paid final tribute last month to Joseph H. O'Brien, veteran patrolman, who died at his Scott Street home after a short illness. He was a member of the department for more than a quarter of a century.

Louis Isaacs, for sixteen years an employee of the city, passed away suddenly on August 22, on the eve of his wedding. He was to have been married the next day to Mrs. Adeline Wood. Mr. Isaacs was a Spanish War veteran and a former employee of the Board of Works.

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Parks and Museums

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terey Bay, down to 1879. Photographic copies of papers in the "Archives of the Indies" in Seville, Spain, show the handwriting of Viscaino and Fr. Junipero Serra.

Original documents written by Commodore John D. Sloat and Commodore R. F. Stockton bring vividly to mind the taking of Monterey on July 7, 1846, by the former, and the conquest of the state and the establishment of American local government, largely under the latter as military governor and commander-in-chief.

Copies of early newspapers, and a prospectus of the "Californian," the first newspaper in the state, founded August 15, 1846, are included. Issues of "The California Star" and "The Placer Times," as well as the first almanac—"The Merchants and Miners' Almanac" for 1850—are in the collection.

A Vigilante badge, a Vigilance Committee proclamation of 1856, a pamphlet giving the full details of the assassination of James King of William and the execution of his murderer, James P. Casey, bring back the atmosphere of San Francisco's early days. Other aspects of the period are shown in catalogues of the sales of beach and water lots for a hundred dollars or so—lots that now are worth many thousands.

The volunteer fire companies and the Society of California Pioneers formed in 1850 are called to mind by copies of their constitutions and by-laws. An 1849 account book with entries made by Col. John W. Geary is another interesting item in the collection. Mr. Barron will have further documents placed on view on Admission Day having to do with the first constitution of California.

Semi-weekly lectures will continue on Sundays at four o'clock and on Wednesdays at two, throughout September, at the de Young Museum. On the second Miss Helen Gordon Barker will discuss the exhibits in Statuary Hall. On the fifth and ninth Louis C. Towne will talk on the exhibits in the two galleries furnished by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America. Miss Barker will discuss the Oriental material on the twelfth and sixteenth, and Mr. Towne will talk on the laces on the nineteenth and twenty-third. On the twenty-sixth and thirtieth Miss Barker will speak in the ceramics galleries of the Museum.

Mrs. Mary E. Walter of the de Young Museum staff made a vacation trip to New York City to visit her mother, returning by way of the Canadian Pacific and the Northwest.

Miss Genevieve Kerwin and her mother spent a week in August on a motoring trip to Reno.

Mrs. Kathryn Kemp, Miss Eleanor M. Lyons and John Peters of the de Young Museum took their vacations during August.

ISADORE HARRIS NEW JUSTICE

Isadore Harris, former deputy district attorney, has received his appointment from Governor Young as Justice of the Peace of San Francisco. Judge Harris was appointed to fill out the two years of the term of the late Judge A. T. Barnett, who died several months ago. Judge Harris was a classmate of Governor Young at the University of California.

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greatest admirers of The Hard-Boiled Virgin's beautiful finished prose will be surprised by the development of Miss Newman's tender, cynical and brilliant style in her second novel. And the greatest admirers of her first book will agree that Dead Lovers Are Faithful Lovers is another novel that deserves the "brilliant, candid, civilized and profound" which James Branch Cabell wrote of it and the "adorably witty" which Compton MacKenzie applies to it.

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The Bridge of San Luis Rey, by Thornton Wilder. (Albert and Charles Boni, New York. $2.50.) A philosophical novel which has become the best selling book in the country. A search for an answer to the riddle of the universe forms the framework of the story. Five people are hurled to their death in the catastrophe of the collapse of the bridge. Brother Juniper, a Franciscan monk, searches into the lives of these victims for a revelation of God's intention in thus casting them at that moment into eternity. What a quest for a philosopher! And how heavily it might have been reported. And yet Thornton Wilder, with humor, irony and always with charm and insight, reveals the hidden springs of these five people none the less profoundly because he does it so gracefully. Highly recommended.

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Miniature Boat Building. A concise and complete practical treatise covering in detail the construction of working models of eleven famous racing sail and power boats and their power plants; model making, by Albert C. Leitch, naval architect. Illustrated by 500 progressive dimensioned drawings and full-size diagrams showing clearly every step in the construction of the boats described. Price $3.00. The Norman W. Henley Publishing Company, New York.

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The author, a naval architect and an enthusiastic yachtsman and motor boat designer and builder, takes the reader through a brief history of model making, the fundamentals of model boat design, modern model making practice in general, and the specific design and construction of eleven famous model racing boats—sail and power—together with the design and construction of high speed power plants for the power boats. There are five hundred progressive dimensioned drawings and full size diagrams which show clearly every stage of the detailed construction of the boats described.

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OCTOBER, 1928

The Bonds Should Pass

BY UNANIMOUS vote the Board of Supervisors has passed an ordinance placing on the November ballot for approval or rejection by the electorate, eight bond issues totaling more than $15,000,000.

The future welfare of San Francisco will be reflected in the outcome.

During the last three months, in a series of prepared articles and editorials, THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE has endeavored to point out the advisability of approval by the voters of ALL of the proposed bond issues. We hope it has not been a lame endeavor.

The voters now have a month to decide the issues and to vote accordingly. It is unthinkable that each bond issue will not receive an overwhelming vote.

Although we realize it is Presidential year, with press and voters discussing the paramount question: "Who is to be our next President?" sight must not be lost of the fact that, if San Francisco is to continue in the van of progressive cities—one that takes pride in its civic progress—San Francisco voters must give serious consideration to the local issues.

Passage of the proposed bond issues means that San Francisco will continue to hold its place as one of the most progressive major cities of America. San Francisco must continue to progress. Failure to approve the bond issues means that we retreat, instead of going ahead with a civic improvement program that would make San Francisco the model of every large city in the country.

Progress demands passage of every one of the eight bond issues to be submitted to the electorate.

Each of the proposed bond issues has been studied carefully and debated by the Board of Supervisors. Each issue has been subjected to the closest scrutiny and was included in the bond ordinance only after it had been trimmed to a minimum sum consistent with efficiency.

Briefly the proposed bond issues are:

1. Health Department.....$3,500,000
2. New sewers and sewer reconstruction 2,200,000
3. Airport improvements 1,700,000
4. Broadway tunnel..... 750,000
5. Playgrounds..... 3,100,000
6. McLaren Park..... 2,000,000
7. Aquatic and Marina Parks.... 950,000
8. Completion Civic Center..... 1,000,000

We are confident that the voters will insure San Francisco's future welfare with an avalanche of "YES" votes on each and every issue.

Everybody's going to the Carmen's Ball—The date, October 20

Health Department Cares for the Human Family

By Dr. William C. Hassler
Health Officer
San Francisco Board of Health

THE conduct of no department in the City government is so vitally important as that of the Board of Health. Because the average citizen is unfamiliar with that department and its relation to the public, The Municipal Employee *requested Doctor Hassler to prepare an informative article on the functions of the Board of Health.*—Editor.

A MODERN health department is charged with the responsibility of the human family from the cradle to the grave, hence the scope is wide and the activities diversified. In the exercise of its functions it supervises, directs and regulates at some time, at least, some part of every human activity.

The Charter of the City and County of San Francisco creates a Department of Public Health, placing its management in the hands of a Board and prescribes the powers and duties of the Board.

By virtue of that section there is conferred upon the Board the management and control of municipal city and county hospitals, almshouses, ambulance service, receiving or emergency hospitals and all matters pertaining to the preservation, promotion and protection of the lives and health of the inhabitants of the city and county. It may determine the nature and character of nuisances and provide for their abatement.

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THE Board has sanitary supervision over municipal institutions, including jails, schools and public buildings; of the disposition of the dead; the disposal of garbage, offal and other offensive substances. The Board must enforce all ordinances, rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the carrying out and enforcement of a good sanitary condition of the city and county; for the protection of public health; to secure the proper registration of births and deaths and other statistical information.

"To create and maintain a sound mind in a sound body," might well be adopted as our motto when we attempt to sum up the activities of a Health Department and its relation to the public.

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San Francisco's First Duty Is to Its Sick

By FRANK J. KLIMM
President of the Board of Health

SAN FRANCISCO'S first duty is to its sick," was the way Dr. John Gallwey, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for the Health Bond issue, opened the campaign.

"Nothing can be more important," he said, "than to safeguard the people's health. It has been most important in every city of every civilization.

"Today in San Francisco, we are from ten to fifteen years behind in hospital facilities. Other cities of the country are meeting their health problems and it is up to San Francisco to meet hers. We cannot afford to permit San Francisco to lag behind in health matters."

THE health bond issue was formulated by a committee of medical men, clubwomen, city officials, civic leaders, and labor officials. It has the backing of leaders in every group. It was, as said above, formulated by these leaders, all of whom realize that San Francisco can not afford to take chances on health.

Not only does this bond issue guard the health of San Francisco, but it provides for the hundreds of poor who are seeking admission to the Laguna Honda Home. It also provides care for others who are now trying to get aid from the hard-pressed social service agencies of the city and passage of this bond issue will greatly ease the problem that these great agencies are faced with.

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—Photo by Novack

The items in the bond issue, which totals $3,500,000 and will care for the city's needs for many years to come, are:

1. Two additional units to the tuberculosis preventorium, equipment and necessary road work, $128,000.
2. Construct psychopathic building and provide equipment, $426,250.
3. Construct cancer institute with equipment, $437,500.
4. Three units to Laguna Honda Home and equipment, $817,500.
5. Purchase of lands for extension of hospital and district health centers, $725,650.
6. Enlarge Central Emergency Hospital and construction of Health Center Building, $600,000.
7. Enlargement of San Francisco Hospital, $365,000.

One of the most important items in this constructive program is that for the Cancer Institute.

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They Were All in the Swim

By HARRY B. SMITH
Sporting Editor of The Chronicle

FOR another year the San Francisco Chronicle's annual Golden Gate swim—the fourth annual—is history.

And what history that swim, in many ways the smoothest running and best of them all, has made for the aquatic world. The story of that swim—probably a mile and three-quarters before the swimmers are done with their task—has been told, but it is a story that will be retold over many dining tables and in many club rooms.

San Francisco officially was represented in this race, for Corporal Thomas McInerney, virtually swimming commissioner for the San Francisco police department, had eight officers in the race. That six of these men who have none too much time for training finished the course, is a testimonial to their stick-to-it-iveness.

The police, in the order of their finish were: George Engler, James McGovern, Charles Iredale, Leslie Rosa, Gus H. Betger and Frank Parker.

There was one lone entry from the fire department, but he must have dropped out early, forced to quit because of the cold, since the list of those who finished does not bear his name.

Some 141 swimmers, out of an original entry list of 189, took to the water in a Marin County sheltered cove nestling under the shadow of Lime Point, as Jimmy Richardson, former San Franciscan and now manager of the Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland, gave the warning signal and then fired his gun.

Less than half that number, or sixty-seven staunch swimmers, finished the course, wound up near the Life Saving Station, Crissey Field, and received the plaudits of the crowd.

It shows the toll that was taken by the cold waters and the rip tides.

Do not let anybody tell you the Golden Gate swim is a race for weaklings or for those who are unprepared.

AND what a race it was, my countrymen! Far out in the bay, the waiting officials and the crowd of some 3000 saw two pilot boats approaching, with swimmers splashing along behind them. Soon came recognition. There was Carl Stevenson, the Olympic Club speed marvel, and George Schroth, likewise Olympian and Olympic games hero.

So far off they looked to be neck and neck. But as they neared the barge it was Schroth who had the advantage. The powerful Olympian gained as he came closer and finished a scant fifteen feet ahead of Stevenson.

A minute and a half later Einar Olson of the Neptune Beach Club of Alameda swam into third place, and what a cheer when Walter Ruuska, 14-year-old youngster of the Pacific Club of Fort Bragg, California, finished fourth.

After that it was an endless procession, first one chap and then another.

Youngsters and veterans finished their course and finally, two hours and nineteen minutes after the start, L. L. Rickman, little left save grit and pluck, swimming entirely on his nerve, was the last to finish. It must have been torture to swim that final 100 feet, with the tide against him, yet he stuck to his task.

An event that means much to San Francisco and to northern California, since the movie news reels film the event, and to rotagravure sections of almost every paper in the land carry pictures, it can be said that San Francisco backed the event to the utmost.

Thanks to Chief of Police Dan O'Brien and Captain William Quinn there was plenty of protection. One officer guarded the trophies—fifty-five in all. Another squad was tolled off by Captain Casey of the North End district to handle the crowd and the automobiles gathered at the finish line, while the wiring squad roped off a space so that officials and swimmers might be protected.

Chief Murphy of the Fire Department loaned the department's coffee car, which furnished hot coffee to the chilled swimmers, with the chief's son, Mervyn

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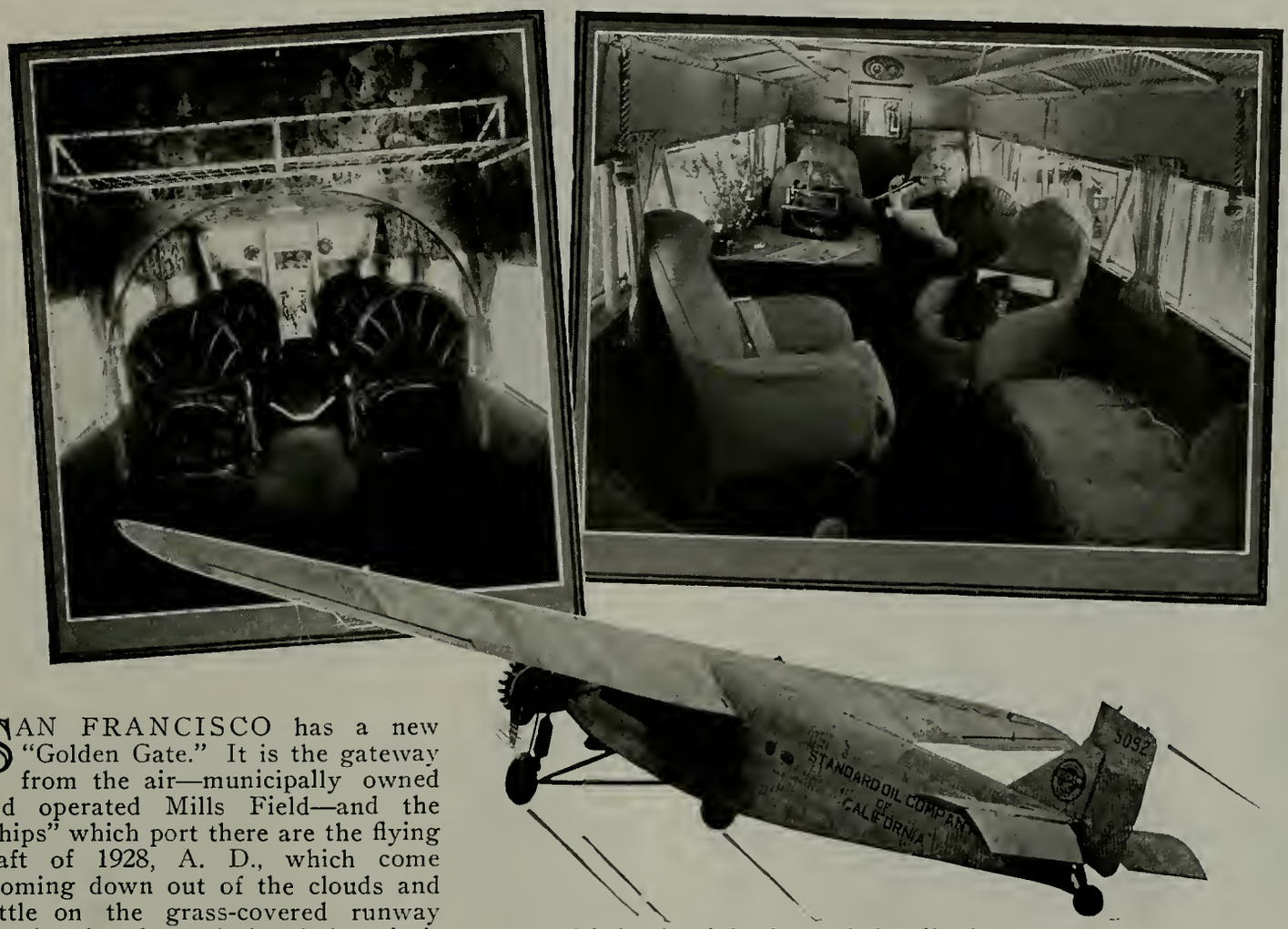
Six of eight of these members of San Francisco's Finest, finished in the Golden Gate Swim. Left to right, they are: Corporal Thomas McInerney, in charge of squad, the swimmers being James McGovern, Leslie Rosa, Frank Parker, Charles Andrus, Lieutenant Cliff Fields, Detective Sergeant Charles Iredale, Gus Betger, Frank Davis and George Engler.

Mills Field, New "Golden Gate"



Upper left, interior of the "Standard of California"; next, an official of the Richfield Company dictating in his firm's new Fokker; below, an exterior view of the "Standard."

SAN FRANCISCO has a new "Golden Gate." It is the gateway from the air—municipally owned and operated Mills Field—and the "ships" which port there are the flying craft of 1928, A. D., which come zooming down out of the clouds and settle on the grass-covered runway of what has been declared America's model airport. Mills Field, within the last two months has had a new and very smart visitor from the skies. This visitor is an airplane which has been described by no less an authority than Mr. Anthony Fokker as "the finest passenger plane ever built in the United States."

This plane—a huge tri-motored Fokker monoplane, is the blue and gold air cruiser recently purchased by the Richfield Oil Company for use by governors of the three Pacific Coast states in entertaining distinguished visitors. It has appeared on Mills Field frequently for the simple reason that a visitor to the Pacific Coast, no matter what else he wants to see, desires to visualize picturesque and colorful San Francisco first and foremost.

AMERICAN aviation has advanced to a far greater extent than the average person has realized. The capability of the modern airplane has been dramatically displayed on numerous occasions during the last twelve months. But perhaps the most convincing demonstration of its utility is in the reliable day-in-and-day-out use as shown by the airmail, the passenger-carrying lines, and, now, by the business concerns that can successfully adapt the aircraft to their needs.

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The Standard Oil Company of California has compiled the only complete descriptive guide of all Pacific Coast landing fields, which is furnished to pilots and those actively engaged in aviation. Two ten-million-candlepower high-intensity beacons recently were erected on salient points in Southern and Northern California, which have been widely acclaimed as notable aids to night flying; three additional lights shortly will be placed in the vicinity of San Diego, Portland and Seattle. A meteorological service between Los Angeles and San Francisco, with daily reports on the weather from some twenty localities, has been

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Sunset Tunnel a Reality

By WALTER GAINES SWANSON

THE sun shines bright in the Sunset! The mist of legal setbacks has cleared; the fog of opposition has lifted and everybody's happy.

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An elaborate tunnel-opening celebration will be held this month, when Mayor Rolph takes the controller to drive the first street car through the big bore.

The work of completing the tunnel and setting the cars in motion, from an engineering standpoint, was a tremendous task and one for which City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy and staff and the Board of Public Works, of which Mr. Timothy A. Reardon is President, are to be commended. The mental strain and the hazards with which the Sunset people were beset on all phases of the improvement will be lost in the gratification to be derived by the actual operation of this badly needed transportation service.

L. L. SANFORD

QUESTIONS arose as to where the tunnel should be located. Actual work was held up by the all-important question of the most direct and beneficial route. It finally was decided that the most practical, serviceable line was that branching from Market Street, westward on Duboce Avenue, under Buena Vista Park to the western side of the hill at Carl and Cole streets.

The Sunset tunnel cost more than $1,200,000. It will stand as a monument to the enterprise of the people in the district.

Service through the tunnel will be designated as the "end line," and will traverse a route out Market Street to Duboce Avenue, thence westerly through the tunnel, along Carl Street to Irving Street, along Irving Street to Ninth Avenue, south on Ninth Avenue to Judah Street, and thence west along Judah Street to the beach. It is estimated that running time from Third and Market streets to the heart of the Sunset district will be reduced to twenty-three minutes, which represents at least ten minutes' saving over the present route.

While the property owners paid for the boring of the tunnel, it is significant to note that the railroad was built and paid for out of the earnings of the Municipal Railway without the aid of bond issues or other indebtedness and on a 5-cent fare. It has been estimated that the line will be a paying one from the very outset and, with the building activities now in progress throughout the Sunset district, in a short time this line should be a money-maker from which tributary lines can be added, running north and south, so as to open up the entire expanse of undeveloped property westward to the beach.

Sunset Parkside District, Inc., of which Supervisor Dr. J. M. Toner is President, took upon itself as one of the major activities of the organization the speedy completion of Sunset tunnel and its carline, when inaugurated two years ago.

Another major improvement that was brought to fruition by this organization was the successful bond election for the Sunset Boulevard, when $1,900,000 in bonds were voted last November for the purchase of a strip of land one block wide running between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh avenues, from Golden Gate Park on the north to Sloat Boulevard on the south.

The coming of the new street railway transportation and the opening up of this magnificent boulevard presages activity of development in the Sunset Parkside District, an unequaled residential section.

UNDER auspices of the Sunset Parkside District, Inc., the following committees were appointed to take charge of a fitting celebration for the running of the first street car through the tunnel: L. L. Sanford, chairman executive committee; John J. Calish, finance; Carl Maritzen, entertainment; H. A. Sala, decorations; Kenneth H. Smitten, transportation; John Courter, publicity; Henry Doelger, refreshments; Mrs. Minnie White, general reception committee; Mrs. M. A. Stanton, ladies' reception committee; Raymond R. Stephens, invitations committee.

All of the supervisors and public officials have been invited to participate in the exercises and all improvement clubs in San Francisco have been issued invitations to join with the Sunset people on October 20 to celebrate the occasion.

New Tunnel an Engineering Feat

By Paul J. Ost
Electrical Engineer

CONSTRUCTION of the Sunset line of the Municipal Railway is nearing completion, and it is expected the line will be placed in Service October 21.

The new construction begins at Market and Duboce Streets, running west on Duboce Avenue to the Sunset Tunnel, and thence through 4200 feet of tunnel to a connection with the Market Street Railway on Carl Street, just east of Cole Street. The Municipal Railway cars will run over the Market Street Railway tracks to Stanyan Street, at which point the Market Street Railway tracks turn off to Carl Street. The new line will then continue o Arguello Boulevard, where it will turn into Irving Street, continuing on Irving Street to Ninth Avenue, thence south on Ninth Avenue to Judah Street, and thence on Judah Street to a terminal loop at the Great Highway.

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Help the Carmen by attending their Grand Ball, October 20

Two Needed Improvements

M. M. O'SHAUGHNESSY

By

M. M. O'Shaughnessy

City Engineer

THE financial and commission districts are located in the level area bounded by Market and Kearny streets, Telegraph Hill, and the bay. The tremendous vehicular traffic between this area and the westerly portions of the city has but three outlets: first, the exits toward the southwest leading into streets of congested traffic; second, the exit via Columbus Avenue along the northerly edge of Russian Hill; and third, Pacific Street, which is the only street with practicable grade to cross the hills that lie to the west of the financial district and extend for a mile from Pine Street north to Bay Street.

About three years ago Pacific Street was paved with vitrified brick, and immediately became an important artery. The street is forty-nine feet one and one-half inches wide, with two ten-foot sidewalks. To allow movement of traffic, it has been necessary to prohibit parking on one side of the street during the daytime. The street is inadequate for the traffic it carries; accidents are frequent, especially at the intersections, so a new thoroughfare must be provided.

During the study of methods of handling traffic for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1914 and 1915, construction of a tunnel under Broadway from Mason Street to Larkin Street was considered.

AT THAT time the preferable type was for combined street railway and vehicular use, similar to the Stockton Street tunnel. At present the street car lines are satisfactorily routed, but automobile traffic has increased more than tenfold, so a tunnel is now proposed for vehicular and pedestrian use only.

Tentative plans and estimate have been made for a twin bore 2015 feet long from portal to portal, with open cut approaches of ninety-three feet at Mason Street and 230 feet at Larkin Street. The parallel tunnels are each to have a height of nineteen feet nine inches, exclusive of ventilating chambers, with arched roof, and a width of twenty-six feet six inches, sufficient for a five and one-half-foot sidewalk and two lanes of vehicular traffic in each bore. The grade rate is slightly less than one per cent, ascending westerly.

The total estimated cost is $1,500,000. Various methods of financing the work have been suggested, the one at present in most favor being to provide about one-third by bond issue by the city, one-third from receipts from gasoline tax, and one-third by assessment on the districts to be most directly benefited.

PROVISION for taking care of the reconstruction of antiquated main sewers, some of which survived the earthquake shock of 1906, together with the construction of extensions to main sewers to provide adequate drainage, has been neglected, probably due to the fact that such structures are out of sight and, therefore, out of the public mind until flood conditions periodically arise in different sections of the city, due

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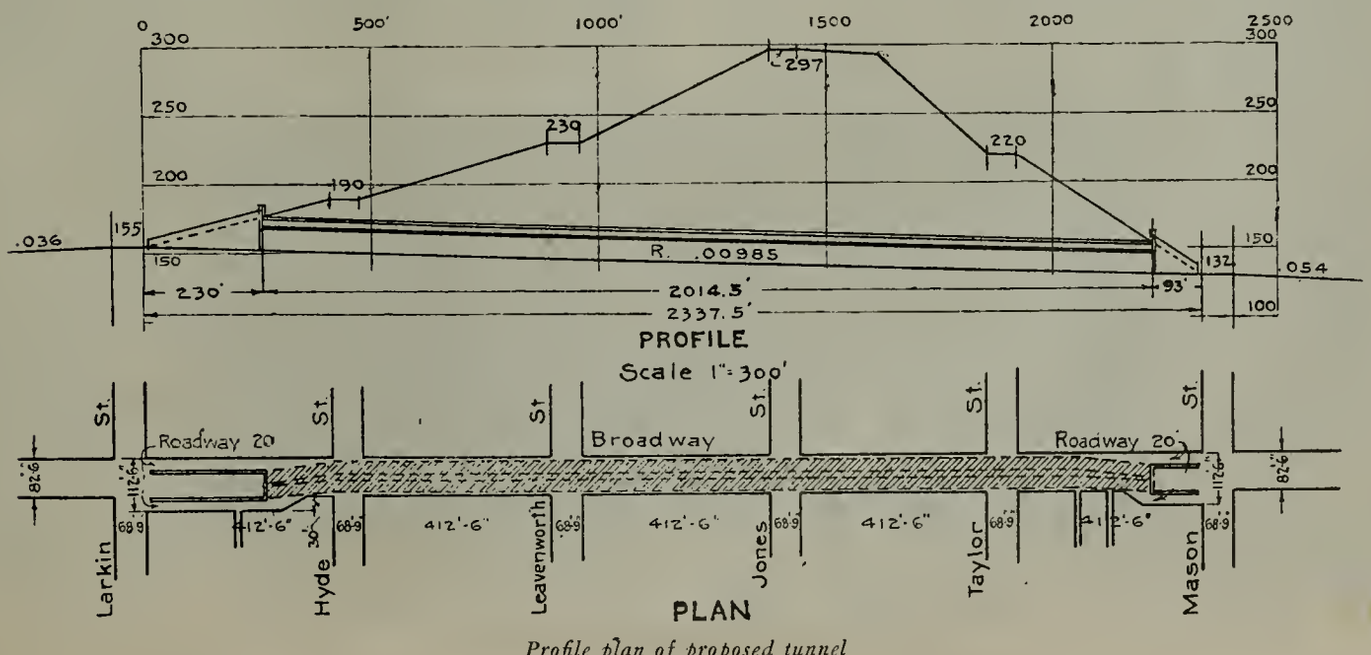

Profile plan of proposed tunnel

What's New in Fall Fiction

By ANNE M. FARRELL

THE fiction which has come recently from the publishers seems to be cast in a happier mold than the erotic type of novel that has been given to the public for the last several months. Like art, which recognizes the modernistic touch, but still clings to the principles laid down by the old masters, the art of fiction is rebounding to a more stable basis, and consequently for the larger mass of humanity, at least, a more readable type of story.

ANNE M. FARRELL

The latest novel by Susan Glaspell, "Brook Evans," is far above the average story in technique and narrative handling. It is the description of a beautiful love—the love of Brook Evans, and the love of her mother. It is a worth while addition to the fall list of new fiction.

A NOVEL that is of particular interest to Californians, is "Tide of Empire," by Peter B. Kyne. The lovely Senorita Guerrero, and the big handsome D'Arcy, their differences and the love that triumphs over every obstacle. The period of the story is that of the colorful days of the gold rush, and the author has given us a story of action and adventure which holds interest until the very last page.

In these days, when every other person is talking politics, the new book of Brand Whitlock, "Big Matt," is quite appropriate. It is an intensely interesting novel of American politics, by a man who knows politics and party factions better than any other writer of fiction, with the possible exception of Samuel Blythe. The style of the book is of popular appeal, and the story one that any man, and most women will thoroughly enjoy.

Of quite another type, one might almost say another school of writing, is the latest novel of Julian Green, "The Closed Garden." It is not a pleasant story, in fact it is quite depressing, the theme being the tragic life of a girl, who, through circumstances over which she has little control, is finally driven into hopeless insanity. The author, an American, who has spent most of his life in France, writes his novels originally in French, after which they are translated into other languages. Green's writings are distinctly Continental, both in theme and treatment, and leading French critics acclaim him as one of the most promising of the younger writers. However, if you enjoy a cheerful story, it is wise to leave Julian Green and his novels strictly alone, but if you appreciate a masterful bit of characterization, a fine command of technique and style, and do not rebel at a strain of morbidity, try Julian Green. He is certainly an author that one either likes intensely or not at all.

One of the outstanding novels of the fall is that of John Galsworthy, "The Swan Song." It is the last of the many stories concerning the Forsythe family, and is better written and more interesting than any books that have come from the pen of Galsworthy for some time. It promises to be one of the most popular books of the month, if not of the entire year.

Of course a list of new fiction would be incomplete without mention of some of the newer detective and mystery tales. "The Greene Murder Case" by Van Dine is, without doubt, the best detective story that has appeared during the past few years. Van Dine, which, by the way, is a pseudonym, has combined a certain interesting style with excellent plot action, and has evolved, consequently, a very fine mystery story. "Behind That Curtain," by Earl Derr Biggers, is an exciting account of mystery and adventure in our own San Francisco, and the amusing Charlie Chan, Chinese detective from Hawaii, again makes his appearance. "Rogues' March" by Margaret Turnbull, and "The Swinging Shutter" by C. Fraswe-Simpson are two interesting examples of intriguing mystery and adventure.

Two historical novels of note have appeared recently, "The Cavalier of Tennessee" by Meredith Nicholsen, is a vivid tale of romance and adventure in the South, with Andrew Jackson as the central character. Thomas Boyd, who wrote that splendid story, "Drums," has given us a thrilling account of Revolutionary times in his new novel, "Shadow of the Long Knives." The lives and hardships of those brave souls who battled for their very existence is told with feeling and a nice sense of style and structure.

Two women of widely different types have each written a novel recently; and both books are receiving good criticisms from the reviewers. Sylvia Thompson has taken an American girl for the heroine of her new book, "Battle of the Horizons." The story has to do with the reactions and problems of this girl who goes to England as a bride, and the difficulties she encounters in readjusting her life to her new world. "Octavia" by Margot Asquith, is the other novel, and John Carter writing in the New York Times say of it, ". . . A novel in the spirit and manner of Jane Austen . . . Rare perspicacity and charm." It is a delightful story and very well written.

"Spider Boy," the new novel of Carl Van Vechten, is a delicious satire on Hollywood and the life of the

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Books in Most Demand

Non-fiction

Mother India, Mayo, Harcourt, Brace.
Disraeli, Maurois, Appleton.
Safari, Johnson, G. P. Putnam.
Strange Interlude, O'Neill, Boni-Liveright.
My Life, Duncan, Boni-Liveright.
Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism, Shaw, Brentano.

Fiction

Swan Song, Galsworthy, Scribner.
Bridge of San Luis Rey, Wilder, Alfred and Charles Boni.
Island Within, Lewisohn, Harper.
Tide of Empire, Kyne, Cosmopolitan.
Behind That Curtain, Biggers, Bobbs-Merrill.
Closed Garden, Green, Harper.

Angels' Wings Clipped for Fourth Time

By C. H. Stern

The Score by Innings

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
San Francisco	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	x	11
Los Angeles	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3

—Photo by Chaffee

FIELD INSPECTION!

Chief Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy (right) of San Francisco, and J. C. Shaw of Los Angeles, technically eyeing condition of ball park.

THE baseball team of the San Francisco Bureau of Engineering defeated the crack team of the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering on Saturday, September 15, at Ewing Field in what, for five innings, proved to be the hardest fought game of the two annual series. At the end of the fifth inning the score was one all. The Los Angeles team scored theirs on a long home run drive by Burns, and the local team by bunching three hits.

In the second, Pengle, the local third baseman, was robbed of a home run in the left field bleachers by a phenomenal catch. Not to be outdone by the Seraphs, Clancy, the crack shortstop of Chief O'Shaughnessy's game, made a wonderful stop and backhand toss to Mooney, second baseman, of a liner over second that brought the crowd to its feet.

Immediately after, Tomasich. first baseman, and Hetch Hetchy's contribution to the local team, made a great one-handed catch of a liner tabbed for two bags.

In the sixth inning, the local team batted completely around, scoring nine runs on six hits, two walks and a couple of errors. After that, it was just a tough breeze.

O'Keefe, the pitcher of the local team, eased up, and the boys from transplanted Iowa scored one in the seventh and one in the eighth. The local team gathered one more in the eighth to make sure of the game.

The game was featured by the pitching of O'Keefe, the batting of Pengle, who got four for five, besides being robbed of a homer. For the Los Angeles boys, the outstanding feature was the homer of Burns. The Los Angeles team used three pitchers, while Chief O'Shaughnessy's champs used the same lineup throughout.

This win gives the local boys permanent possession of the beautiful O'Shaughnessy cup donated to the first winner of two annual series. It also gives them possession of the Los Angeles perpetual challenge cup for another year.

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	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Pearson, 3d	5	0	0	3	3	0
Rady, 2d-ss	5	0	1	2	2	1
Burns, 3d-p	2	1	2	2	2	0
Thompson, lf	4	1	0	1	0	0
Bapst, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Lohman, rf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Holder, 1st	4	0	2	7	0	0
Cox, c	3	0	0	3	1	1
Beitler, p.	2	0	0	0	1	0
Friedman, 2d	1	0	0	1	1	0
Moy, c	1	0	0	1	0	0
Berry, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
	35	3	7	24	10	2

SAN FRANCISCO ENGINEERS

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Clancy, ss	5	1	1	3	3	0
Mooney, 2d	4	1	3	3	5	1
Hutchinson, rf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Manelli, cf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Reed, lf	5	1	2	4	0	0
Pengle, 3d	5	1	4	1	0	0
Tomasich, 1st	3	1	0	9	0	0
Amarosa, c	4	1	1	5	0	0
O'Keefe, p	5	1	2	0	5	0
	39	11	17	27	13	1

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE

San Francisco and Los Angeles Engineers' ball teams at ease

Municipal Organizations

By Edward D. Vandeleur
President, Division 518, A. A. of S. & E. R., E. of A.

CHARTER AMENDMENT 24 hits straight at the heart of San Francisco street railway employees. They are the target of this amendment. It concerns them and their problems more vitally than any piece of legislation that has confronted the public for years.

EDWARD D. VANDELEUR

While Amendment 24, in giving the Market Street Railways a perpetual franchise, would raise street car fares, increase tax rates and surrenders public rights to a private corporation, it has a deeper significance to the railway employee.

Its passage affects his JOB. That is an important issue. To the street car employee, Charter Amendment 24 would mean longer hours and lower wages. By allowing the Market Street Railways to operate in this city without any check or expiration of franchise the voters will practically endorse the undesirable working conditions maintained by this company.

AMENDMENT 24 gives the Market Street Railway a permanent right to the city streets and thereby unlimited power—power to fix its street car fares without interference from the city and power to keep alive the unfavorable conditions under which its employees are now working.

By voting for this amendment street car employees will deliberately lower their working standards.

Last year the Market Street Railways spent $75,000 for advertising alone. This year's sum will probably be even greater. Thousands for advertising, but not a cent for increased wages, or decent working conditions.

There is no question about it. Private ownership means just what it says. Private interests and private pocketbooks.

Amendment 24 is an involved piece of legislation, full of legal phrases that obscure its real meaning. But it is clear that in asking for a perpetual franchise, that in seeking to be relieved from taxes and the expense of certain street paving, the company is not only putting an added burden on the public, but also clearing the field for continued years of the unsatisfactory conditions it now maintains.

Once and for all, let's say that the acquisition of the Market Street Railways by the city would not mean that the employees of the private companies will lose their jobs. They are protected by more than empty promises—in fact, in the very words of the city charter:

> *"All employees employed in the operating service of any public utility which may be or may have been acquired by the City and County and who have been continuously employed for one year immediately prior to such acquisition in such operating service shall be considered to have been appointed to such positions under the provisions of Article 13 of this charter, and shall be entitled to all civil service rights therein provided."*

In other words the employees of the Market Street Railways would not only keep their positions, but would do so at a higher wage than they now get, and a six-day week, and an eight-hour day.

Street car employees will block their own interests by voting for Charter Amendment 24. A vote "No" is decidedly their wise vote.

Just as it would be free to dictate its labor policy, the Market Street Railways would also be able to ask and get an eight, nine or ten-cent street car fare. This is not merely a prophecy. It is backed by the fact that the Byllesby Company which owns the lines of the Market Street Railway owns the street car system of Pittsburgh, Penn., and now collects a ten-cent fare from the people of that city.

That is why street car employees of this city will bear the brunt of this legislation. Not only will they suffer the universal results of its passage, but in particular they will have dealt a death blow to the status of their own jobs.

Jewish Welfare Campaign Fund Goes "Over the Top"

BIG is the heart of humanity. The Jewish National Welfare Fund, laudable and worthy cause, in its San Francisco drive for $260,000, went "over the top" with flying colors during the last week of September.

Members of the city's big family, from lowly employees to officials, were contributors to the fund.

Founded by the late Moses A. Gunst, the fund is similar in purpose to the Community Chest and seeks to eliminate separate drives by fifty to one hundred individual national and international agencies for Jewish relief work. The funds collected will be distributed to twenty-four national and seven international agencies.

Everybody's going to the Carmen's Ball—The date, October 20

Stock Show to Open Next Month

High-Class Livestock to Feature Exhibition

By Charles Jacobs

"California Stamp"—International Champion 1927

CONSIDERABLE interest is manifest by livestock men and educational forces of California and the intermountain territory in the California Livestock and Baby Beef Show to be held at the Union Stockyards, South San Francisco, November 13, 14 and 15.

The show is being sponsored by the leading livestock, agricultural and industrial interests of the West and is purely educational. The forthcoming show will feature individual and carload entries of fat cattle, sheep and hogs of various breeds.

One of the main purposes of the show is to stimulate an interest in the feeding and better finishing of livestock of the highest grade and type, and to aid in improving the quality of all classes of livestock and breeding standards.

Two thousand head of fat stock are to be on exhibition. Highly finished cattle, lambs and hogs, fattened to scientific perfection by experienced feeders will attract the eye of the stockman and enable him to measure up his conception of a fat animal with the ideal in type and finish.

Desirable entries are assured from California, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Oregon and Nevada.

A special feature of the show will be the junior division of the show, which will attract entries from the Boys' and Girls' Clubs and Smith-Hughes projects.

Competition for the honor of winning the championship ribbons for both individual and carload entries of all classes of livestock on exhibition will be keen.

One of the most interesting features of the show will be an auction sale of all stock on exhibition. The sale is scheduled for the last day of the show and many buyers will be in attendance to bid on the individual carload lots of highly finished cattle, sheep and hogs.

The committee in charge is making elaborate preparations to take care of the thousands of exhibitors and the public.

A Blue Ribbon Winner

The California Wool Growers' Association will hold its annual convention immediately following the show. The feature of the annual banquet will be the presentation of the exhibitors in the junior division of the show with their premiums and checks for the sale of their stock.

The officers and directors of the California Livestock and Baby Beef Show include: W. H. Moffat, President H. Moffat & Co.; H. M. Adams, President Western Pacific Railroad Company; F. H. Dangberg, Minden, Nevada; Philip J. Fay, President San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; F. J. Hagenbarth, President National Wool Growers' Association; J. H. Hayden, Assistant Traffic Manager Santa Fe Railroad; C. J. Hooper, President Western Meat Company.

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Of Interest to Women

By Anita Day Hubbard

NO MATTER how the time saving devices multiply, there never seems nearly enough saved to cover the needs that crop up every day. If one could extend the hours to double the number, or concentrate sleeping into a shorter period with the same quota of rest, or manage to do without sleep at all, it is barely possible that one could cover a fair proportion of the fascinating opportunities that are about us. But alas, in spite of the radio, we have only one set of ears. We can look at one thing at a time. Though there be a battery of movies going on, and though there be airplanes sailing the seven heavens, we cannot each be divided like "all Gaul, into three parts," and must choose one place out of all the possibilities in which to place our rather pitiful human equipment of hands and feet. That makes it most imperative that out of all the variety of things to hear and see and to do one should pick the most desirable, and that is no easy task in this festive month of October, in this our city of San Francisco.

I HOPE you will drop in to look at W. A. Coulter's exhibit of marine paintings to be held at 230 California Street to and including October 5. Mr. Coulter is too well known this multitude of years to need any meed of praise from your correspondent, but let this be said, that his ships are ships, and his sea is the sea of a sailor that has sailed, and when his "sun comes up like thunder" on the fair field of his canvases you can feel the very warmth of it.

Henry Cowell, the very last word in modern music, both as composer and pianist, will give illuminating lectures on modern music, on October 3 and October 10, with a recital of his own compositions on Wednesday evening, October 17, all of them to be held in the evening at the modern studio of Rudolph Schaeffer, at 136 St. Anne Street, overlooking St. Anne Park in the very heart of romantic old San Francisco. The lectures are not particularly for musicians. The intelligent layman who wants to keep up with the times will benefit greatly by them.

The Theatre Guild has launched its fall season with O'Neill's poignant tragedy, "The Witch," translated from the Norwegian, with Reginald Travers directing a splendid cast in the vivid play. "The Devil in the Cheese," by Tom Cushing, and the "Mask and the Face," by Luigi Chiarelli, will follow in due order, all of them staged, of course, in the pleasant little theatre of the Western Women's Club at Sutter and Mason Streets. Speaking of the Western Women's Club, do not miss the lectures of Elizabeth Gerberding, she of the wise and witty philosophy of civics and local, national and international politics. Thursday afternoons at 2 o'clock at the club is the time set, and an hour with Mrs. Gerberding will give you table talk for the next week or so. Josephine Bartlett, journalist and critic and raconteuse, will hold forth on Friday afternoons at the same place, beginning at 2:30 o'clock in book reviews. Let her give you the best of the new books, and tell you the ones you ought to read for yourself.

Back to music again. Of course you are planning to attend the symphony, now that the opera is over, and I can let you into a secret, if you will promise not to buy all the seats in the auditorium, and thereby keep me from getting there. Ernest Bloch's new symphony, the one that was judged the greatest American composition by a jury of so many eminent "musikers" that one cannot doubt its excellence, will be played by the San Francisco Symphony, December 20, at the same time it has its premier in New York and Philadelphia. All good San Franciscans should stand up and give three rousing cheers for themselves in congratulation on having the greatest composer in America directing our conservatory of music. There are fell designs on foot to lure the maestro to New York for the performance of his great work there, but there are grim lines of defiance on the faces of San Franciscan music lovers who will keep him here, come one, come all! And one does not need to predict a large evening, when Alfred Hertz wields the stick, Hans Leschke directs the Municipal Chorus in the choral part of the symphony, and Ernest Bloch is here to find out how much we think of him.

My Garden

A garden is a lovesome thing,
God wot!
Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Fern'd grot—
The veriest school
Of peace; and yet the fool
Contends that God is not—
Not God! in gardens! when the
eve is cool?
Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in
mine.

—Thomas Edward Brown.
1830-1897.

Speaking of audiences, did you notice the long frocks at the opera? The "freedom of the knees" was conspicuous by its absence, the whole season. About the only people who wore short skirts were the large and defiant matrons who are stolidly a season behind the styles as a matter of self-restraint. It was well enough when the skirts were getting shorter, but now that they are growing longer, the shoe is on the other foot. The extremists are swathed in yards of velvet and tulle, and the conservatists are still defying the possibility of rheumatism in the knees. It is a strange world, mates. Imagine a mother saying to her young and flippant daughter: "Maria, that skirt is altogether too long. You are by no means old enough to grasp at the first flair of fashion that comes along. Why, the first thing I know you will be trying to cover your ankles. The very idea! You don't see careful people like your grandmother and me wearing our skirts half way to the ground like a lot of silly flappers. I suppose you'll be letting your hair grow next! What can the younger generation be thinking of? Go right back in the house and put on some rouge. That tan color without any pink in your cheeks is most bizaare looking. Dear me, dear me! It is such a trial to be a mother!"

Well, why not? It is not that one fashion is worse than another. Only that we get used to something, and after we once accept it, it is all right. And that's that. And so on, far into the month.

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The big night of the year—Carmen's Ball, October 20

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Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

SEVERAL propositions intimately affecting the parks have been ordered by the Board of Supervisors to be placed on the ballot so that the people may vote upon them at the election November 6. One of these, strongly favored by the Park Commission, and brought before the Board by President Herbert Fleishhacker and Commissioner William F. Humphrey, calls for a charter amendment increasing the minimum assessment of city property for park purposes from 7 to 10 cents per $100 of assessed valuation, and the increase of the maximum limit from 10 to 15 cents.

THE present fact is that San Francisco is behind the more progressive cities in the amount of its appropriations for park purposes, although several Supervisors, in the debate upon the proposed amendment, complimented the Commission in the highest terms upon the manner in which it expends the available funds. There is no question that the additional money is needed now, and it will be needed still more if the proposed bond issues for park purposes are carried, as they will be. The amendment also clears up any question there might have been as to the right of the Supervisors to make appropriations for park purposes, when in the nature of capital expenditures, over and above the amount of the tax levied directly for the park fund.

TWO other propositions call for the issuance of bonds. One of these is for the acquisition of the remainder of the land for John McLaren Park, requiring $2,000,000. This is a very necessary expenditure, as the district to be served by this Park at is present pitifully lacking in recreation grounds. The area of McLaren Park will be about 550 acres, of which about a hundred have been bought. The land will have to be developed from the raw state into a park, although some trees have been planted. The other bond issue is for $950,000 for Aquatic Park and the Marina. These districts need the proposed development and the new facilities will be in line with the decision already made excluding commercial enterprises from this territory.

Another proposed Charter amendment brings the employees of the Parks under the provisions of the Civil Service, making them subject to classification, and also "blanketing in," without examination, such of the present employees as shall have been employed continuously for at least a year prior to the approval of the amendment by the Legislature. All Charter amendments passed by the people in November will be considered by the State Legislature at its meeting in January, 1929, and become effective only following their approval by the Legislature.

The enlarged Kezar Stadium received its dedication to actual service on September 16, when it was the scene of the first football game of the season, that between the Olympic Club and the West Coast Army team. The game went to the Olympians by a score of 38 to 0. A crowd of about 12,000 was present. The Park Commission and Director of Public Recreation Joseph R. Hickey received many compliments upon the new layout of the Stadium. President Herbert Fleishhacker and Commissioner William F. Humphrey were present at the game. Mr. Hickey has lined up a long list of events extending to December 29 as announced last month; there is one change in that program, namely the playing of the game between St. Mary's and Santa Clara on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, instead of on December 1.

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THE Board of Supervisors has made an appropriation of $60,000 to widen and pave the South Drive of Golden Gate Park past the Kezar Stadium from the Waller Street entrance at Stanyan through to the exit at Third Avenue and Lincoln Way. The drive will be sixty feet in pavement width, with a thirty-foot walk on the side toward the Stadium. The pavement will be an eight-inch concrete base with two-inch asphalt wearing surface. While this work is under contract let by the Board of Public Works, Superintendent John McLaren will restore the parking by replacing such of the rhododendrons as there is room for, after filling up the former Rhododendron Dell. Cypress trees will be planted next to the wall. The pavement will be completed the present month. A beautiful garden of the rhododendrons already has been made by Foreman J. J. Campbell under instructions from Mr. McLaren on the point of land near Alvord Lakelet and between the Haight and Waller entrances to the Park.

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Earl Clements has been supervising for Mr. McLaren the installation of an underpass under the Middle Drive alongside the tennis courts. This takes the place of the old suspension bridge and it soon will be ready for use. Another underpass is under construction to enable the athletic teams to get from the dressing rooms of the basketball pavilion to the field at the Kezar Stadium. The space above the underpass and that occupied formerly by the tennis courts between the pavilion and Frederick Street has been filled in and will be used for parking of automobiles at the games.

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Nurseryman Peter Rock spent an enjoyable vacation by making an automobile trip with his wife and family to Crescent City, the Cascade Mountains in Oregon, Crater Lake, and other places of interest. He now has under his care about 250,000 pansy plants and about 100,000 other kinds, to be used for the fall plantings in the parks.

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BELIEVE it or not, but Lieut. Penebsky of Chemical 4 claims that he makes it up from Palo Alto in his high-powered Chevrolet in forty-five minutes. No doubt, Dolph, but you must use the hitch system.

Ganley, the painter supreme of Engine 7, has decided the only way to paint a house is with the good old brush. It seems that Pat was influenced to try a spray, but after changing his clothes several times, due to the shower of paint, he gladly gave the spray to a friend.

If our good friend Tom Henning of operator's fame plays golf as good as he looks in those beautiful knickers, he must be a champion. It is rumored that Tom is a model for one of the large sporting houses down town.

Table etiquette is one of the many things that the inspectors of the Fire Prevention Bureau are brushing up on. They have been the invited guests of several luncheons and one question heard when they get together is: "What is the small fork for?"

Jim Foye has returned from his vacation at Rio Nido and is giving law violators tickets once more.

Inspector Robie, the general utility man, has met several old acquaintances of his Truck 1 days.

Several inquiries have been received at the office regarding the identity of the "auburn haired" inspector. We on the inside know the person in question.

Harold Brady is inspecting the hospitals and it is rumored he is to be the nurses' candidate for Supervisor at the next election. How about the one with the "piercing brown eyes," Harold?

Knife and fork artists, take notice: "You may give me three dozen forks and five dozen knives," said Uncle William when he was purchasing prizes for the boys at a picnic. Each knife cost twice as much as each fork. If he had bought three dozen knives and five dozen forks he would have saved $2.88. What was the price of the forks and knives?

Adolph Harrison, the handsome young lad over in Engine 11, is about to take the fatal step. Dolph threw a party to tell the whole world about it and a grand time was had by all.

An election is being held in Engine 16 for company barber. It has turned out to be an exciting race between Vince Reid, Clarence Love and Hen Pengle. All the boys are barbers of rare ability.

Harry Linney, of Engine 19, has been christened Sock-in-the-Wash by the members of his company. We guess it must be the Indian blanket you won, Harry.

Ernest Nelson, chef of Engine 25, certainly can arise to meet any occasion. Ernie promised the boys bass for dinner, but could not get the bass, so he cast his line in Islais Creek and the boys enjoyed a mess of fine pogies.

OWEN McNULTY and Bill Roberts of Engine 16 have returned from a trip through Southern California. While in Hollywood McNulty was mistaken for Wallace Beery, and Roberts found it hard to get back in the U. S. A. after a trip into Mexico.

Danny Boyle of Engine 48 has tried every known tonic to restore his fast diminishing tresses, but to no avail. Why not try a cigar box to keep them in, Dan?

See the Stock Exchange bought a new location at the old U. S. Treasury Building. Wonder when it will move from 2 Truck. Joe Ciminello eats doughnuts and then tries to sell blocks of Bank of Italy to Hughie Carr.

Well, it was a sight to see Lieut. Shade of 47 Engine putting it on at the Veterans' Picnic. He surely was the boss and the "Big Butter and Egg Man."

There is nothing like being a friendly fellow, especially when you are coming into our Department. Take John Mihan of Fire Boat 2, for instance. He walks in and asks that we call him "Rufus" for short. Well, that goes with us.

One of the big shoe companies down town phoned the other day and called attention to the fact that they had furnished Pete Bruhn of 15 Truck with a pair of their select patent leather shoes. Some class, but how does the "Mechanic" like them, Pete? Glad to hear from you any time.

Women first always; that's the Fire Department spirit. Take Walsh of 4 Truck or 8 Engine on Polk and Pacific Streets, for example. As soon as a fair lady was bumped he dashed over and offered assistance. Say, did he make a hit? She was so thrilled she tried to learn about his past, present and future, all in the same day. More power, brother. But be careful, very careful. It is rumored she is a beautiful lady and has a powerful Police Officer for a "dear" friend. We are for the Fire Laddie.

Do not know how they do it with the stocks on the decline and business in a hysterical condition. Weigner of 47 Engine walks right out and brings back a new Hudson. Would like to know the system used out there where everything wet is salt water. Finding fault with the old car is just a habit. Forget about it, Weigner, as long as it runs.

Ask Jensen and he will tell you. Maybe he might bring out that ladder of his.

Well, you can talk about wild men, but the report we received was enough. John Woodman of 5 Engine was seen running with a sack of vegetables down near the fish markets. Someone "borrowed" the sack at the first opportunity and then the fun began. John was white as a sheet and all out of breath looking for the culprit. Good case for the Detective Bureau, but first look up 12 Engine. Well, anyway the laugh is on John and his hungry friends.

Help the Carmen by attending their Grand Ball, October 20

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THE Union Air Lines, Inc., which selected Mills Field as the main terminal of a big system of air traffic, announces in this issue of the MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE *a development program to cost $10,000,000. The company's business will spread into every section of the United States.*

SAN FRANCISCO'S eminence as "the most airminded city in America" is being emphasized throughout the world of aviation because of the rapid development of the $10,000,000 expansion program of the Union Air Lines, Inc., which has adopted this city as its base in the operation of air passenger routes that are to spread into every section of the United States.

No better proof of the marvelous growth of air travel in this country during the last few months could be offered than the daily business reports of the Union Air Lines which show reservations piling up in such numbers that it is a difficult problem to secure sufficient planes to handle the constantly increasing traffic. The Bach Airplane Company plant at Santa Monica is now working day and night to turn out orders of the Union organization for palatial, multi-motored air yachts to accommodate 8, 14, 21 and 35 passengers.

TWO new planes have been added to the Sacramento Valley schedule of the Union lines, over which two daily round trips are now being conducted. And yet, according to Mr. H. Clay Bernard, executive vice-president of the Union corporation, more planes are sorely needed to meet the public demand. A rate cut of 25 per cent for passengers using the Sacramento line has been announced, the new round-trip price between San Francisco and Sacramento being $15.00. The trip, approximately eighty-three miles, is made in less than one hour.

Mr. Bernard states that while the Bach factory is constructing the larger planes for the transcontinental lines contemplated in the Union expansion program, negotiations are being carried on to cover the entire nation with a network of Union schedules, with Mills Field, San Francisco's own airport, as the main terminal of the big system of air traffic.

The Union Air Lines has completed its depot facilities at Mills Field, covering a space of 10,000 square feet, leased from the City of San Francisco for three years. The depot is daily a center of bustling activity, with the huge Union planes arriving and leaving on schedule with capacity loads of passengers.

SOME idea of the marked public confidence in the future of air transportation may be gained from the fact, according to Mr. Bernard, that securities of the Union Air Lines, only recently offered to the public, are being taken up with amazing rapidity. The corporation's big expansion program is calculated to bring limitless advertising and an aviation boom to San Francisco. With several cities of the bay region bidding for the airport terminal business of the Union lines San Francisco won the plum through the persistent efforts of the city's airport committee, composed of Supervisors Milo F. Kent, Andrew J. Gallagher and Frank J. McGovern.

Mr. Charles V. Eakin, of Portland, president of the Union lines, in signing the Mills Field lease, said:

"Mills Field is perhaps the finest airport in America. San Francisco is far ahead of America's principal cities in airport efficiency. We picked Mills Field as the Union terminal only after an exhaustive survey of airports in this region. We are highly pleased with the service and coöperation of the Mills Field management and the facilities made available to our lines.

THIS country is at the threshold of a big advancement in the air transportation business. The Union Air Lines will be prepared to meet the test and San Francisco, because it has been alert to the needs of commercial aviation, will share very largely in the

benefits in store for those cities and business organizations that have envisioned the future of aviation.

Lieutenant-Commander George O. Noville, U. S. N. R., engineer of the famed Byrd transatlantic flight, and for fifteen years a conspicuous figure in air transportation, has accepted appointment as Technical Director of the Union Air Lines. The duties in his new post will be similar to those of Colonel Charles Lindbergh with the Transcontinental Air Transport. His headquarters will be in San Francisco. He will exercise complete supervision over the engineering, mechanical and routing departments of the Union organization. Lieutenant Noville also will be in charge of the personnel of the Union Air Lines pilots. He will leave here this month for Europe to conduct a survey of air transportation lines and the aircraft industry generally in England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and other countries. He plans a three months' investigation.

Despite the tremendous strides of air transportation in America during the last year this country is considered far behind many of the European nations in commercial aviation progress. Hundreds of air lines are operating throughout Europe, with big profits, and air trips there are almost as common as automobile rides, with plane factories going full blast to supply the public demand for air travel.

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By J. Everett Sharp

THIS is vacation time in real earnest in the auditing department, Chief Deputy J. Boyle, Jr., Deputies Joe Hagerty and Nash Bradley all seeking recreation in the redwoods or at the beaches, while Miss Garaghty, the Auditor's secretary, and Deputy Jim Cooney have just returned to their work.

Tax Redemption Deputy Horace L. Crocker went on vacation and landed in a hospital, so he feels that Providence was unkind to him, so far as an outing was concerned, but grateful to be on his feet and at his desk again. An elaborate floral piece as a welcoming token awaited Jim on his return.

Vacations were dimmed, however, in interest because of the departure of the Spanish War veterans in the city employ who went to Havana, Cuba, as delegates to the convention to be held there, sailing on the California, September 15. The City Fathers generously allotted a vacation of two months at full pay to each such elected delegate and there were seven of those—Police Officer Alexander Wagner; Municipal Railway Motormen Samuel B. Scott and Oscar Orchard; Conductors Frank E. Davidson, George J. Hart and Frank McGuire, and the Auditor's Bond Clerk, Albert P. Glidden.

The latter's numerous metrical compilations on his war experience in the Philippines have long been recognized as classics of the Spanish War. Fortunately, we have been favored with a copy of one of those the author wrote under the caption—

TO HELL WITH SPAIN!

When Dewey seized the Spanish fleet in far Manila Bay,
The while I was not stranded, yet I was not making hay.
You may securely take my word, finances cut no ice
When Uncle Sam had need of men about my age and size.
So forthwith I enlisted here, Manila for my goal,
With not the slightest thought how much the pay might swell my roll.
No, deep within my bosom stirred a patriotic urge
To launch forth and contribute to some Spanish pirate's dirge,
And when our hero met me as I landed at the dock,
He said: "A regiment like you could put the King in hock."
Home news I gave to Dewey, for he seemed to warm to me—
Two ardent fellow-fighters far from home across the sea.
'Twas "Al" and "George" between us, though first off it is true
He called out: "Hello, Glidden!" and I said: "Why, hello, Dew!"
And all the gobs stood envious, for they could plainly see
How thus pronouncedly he showed his preference for me.
And when I turned and left him there to join my marching corps,
He waved his hand and cried to me: "This parting makes me sore,
And were it not for honors which my act must surely bring
I'd quit the Navy and enlist so I might hear you sing."
Then Funston came from Kansas to get Aguinaldo's goat,
And I advised him to go slow and shed his overcoat,
For hectic breezes blew down there, like fiery draughts from hell,
And refuse in the marshes had an enervating smell.
Behold me mounted boldly on a carabao's back,
And fording streams where crocodiles were avid on my track.
Then on the firing line for weeks in weariness I lay,
To slam at mad mosquitoes or pot-shot at a jay,
But not one insurrecto killed, though I was shooting fine,
Those weeks I lay in ambush there along the firing line.
One day a big top sergeant called: "Al Glidden to the fore!"
And stumbling o'er accoutrements I took the sergeant's spoor,
In hope of some engagement which might stir my blood again,
As did that first news Dewey flashed across the raging main.
But it was only Dewey sending "compliments" to me
On eve of his departure for high honors o'er the sea.
So, fed up on frijoles, tack and commissary jam,
I felt whatever happened I might scarcely give a damn.
When news flashed stridently across ten thousand miles of foam—
"We've licked the stuffing out of Spain, so pack up and come home!"
I might have been Commander had I joined with Dewey's fleet,
But I don't like promotions which may come to one *toute suite,*
And if I cannot win by worth, no ornaments for me,
I'd much prefer to be a gob, unlabeled, just AL. G.

Veteran Firemen Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Veteran Firemen's Association of San Francisco, Inc., was held Tuesday night, September 4. President W. H. Brown presided. A report of the Board of Directors was approved. Robert J. Allen, Chris G. Powell, James A. Macken, John J. Donovan and W. Bullier were elected to membership.

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Interior view of first Owl Drug Store, opened in San Francisco June 1, 1892

ON the first of June 1892, a new kind of drug store opened in San Francisco. It was the first store of The Owl Drug Company, which now is a national institution, well-known to millions of people all over the United States. You would smile amusedly at this first Owl drug store if you could see it today, but it created quite a sensation in 1892. Many of its features were novel at that time—yes, almost revolutionary! The Owl sold standard merchandise at reduced prices—the first drug store to do such a thing! There was a woman's rest room! The shelf bottles and drug drawers were labelled in plain English!

The store had bright, clean windows and a trolley cash system! It was a unique and revolutionary drug store in the gay nineties. A great many people shook their heads wisely and wondered how long it could last.

But, fortunately, a greater number of people liked to save money, and to shop in an immaculate, business-like store. So the first Owl prospered; and, four years later, a second store was opened in Oakland and a third in Los Angeles.

SINCE then, The Owl Drug Company has grown each year, until now it has big, modern drug stores in Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake, Seattle, Portland, Spokane, and all the important cities of California. There are over 2100 people on the payroll. It is a big business; last year it sold 5,083,049 safety razor blades; 65,000 pounds of hospital cotton; 29,798 shaving brushes; 453,497 prescriptions were filled, and the Owl manufacturing laboratories had an output of 5,296,770 packages. It is a big business, with enormous capacity for selling good merchandise and, therefore, an unusual advantage in buying at the lowest cost and sharing economies with customers.

That is the most important fact about The Owl Drug Company—it can and does save you money. When it buys (as it did last year) 459,832 tooth brushes, it gets rock-bottom prices. The Owl saves you money.

But, important as it is to save money, much of the Owl's success has been due also to the high standards it has pioneered in the retail drug business. For instance, in the House Policy Rules for the guidance of store managers, it is noted:

(1) Salespeople should be so generally informed as to act in an advisory capacity to customers.

(2) Do not permit salespeople to insist upon customers purchasing merchandise. Regard over-insistence in the same manner as you regard indifference.

(3 Never depreciate competitors in order to encourage the sale of your own goods.

(4) Refund money for any unsatisfactory transaction just as freely as you accept it. No exceptions to this rule.

SINCE the first Owl drug store started in 1892 many of the important improvements in the retail drug business have been sponsored by The Owl Drug Company. The fine art of the drug business is the compounding of prescriptions. The Owl Drug Company fills a thousand to fifteen hundred prescriptions every day, and each one is filled just exactly as your physician writes it. The company employs only the highest type of registered pharmacists. These men have every facility for perfect work; pure, fresh drugs, modern laboratory equipment and a definite standard of practice. The first rule in the Owl's prescription code is: *Instant dismissal is the penalty of substitution.*

Other rules are: All prescriptions, including refills, must be put up in perfectly clean, new containers.

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When counting out pills or tablets, do not pour them in the palm of your hand but use the lid of the box.

Always be exact as to measures and weights.

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Through the able guidance of Dr. Hodghead a tremendous growth of the Company was effected. Dr. Hodghead lost his life during the influenza epidemic, while exerting himself to the utmost in protecting the valued members of the Company. Dr. Hodghead was the brother of Beverly L. Hodghead, at present general counsel of the California Hospital Company.

Arthur P. Huntingdon, with the purpose of mass production to reduce overhead, created a contract on a group basis which has greatly interested many leading merchants in San Francisco. This contract is known as the Huntingdon Medical Group Contract, furnishing complete medical and hospital service at the reduced rate of $1.00 per month. To enjoy the benefit of this rate, persons must be employed by a firm of fifty or more employees.

Mr. Huntingdon is now Executive Vice-President of the Company, and with his twenty-five years' experience as manager of the largest insurance company in the United States, we are assured by Mr. F. S. Ponton, President of this Company, that we may look forward to the continued growth of the Company.

From June, 1928, to the present time, 338 patients have been treated at the office, forty-six patients at home, and seven in the hospital from one to four weeks each. The figures pertain only to our group members.

Other officers of the Company are: T. Scarpel, Vice-President; E. S. Barrica, Secretary; E. F. Ponton, Treasurer.

Benedict Rejoins City's Family

THE big news of the month was the nomination by Mayor James Rolph Jr., of William F. Benedict, secretary and comptroller of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the Board of Education.

Since making public his selection of Mr. Benedict, the Mayor has been the recipient of hundreds of congratulatory letters and messages.

Seldom has an appointment in Mayor Rolph's administration met with such universal and widespread commendation.

Mr. Benedict needs no introduction to the people of San Francisco, especially those who follow the civic affairs of their city. As executive secretary in the Mayor's office for seven and a half years, "Bennie," as he affectionately is known at the City Hall, long devoted his marked talents to all the major movements that stimulated the development of San Francisco in its forward march of civic progress in the last decade.

THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE takes this occasion to congratulate Mayor Rolph and the people of San Francisco upon the acceptance by Mr. Benedict of the deserving honor conferred on him.

San Francisco is indeed fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Benedict as a member of the Board of Education. He is peculiarly qualified by training and ability to discharge his new civic duties with credit to his city, himself and his sponsor, the Mayor.

Seven members are elected to the Board of Education, each serving seven years, one member going out every year. Mr. Benedict declared that his high regard for Mayor Rolph influenced him to accept the nomination, which he did with full consent of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Benedict's nomination by the Mayor will be submitted to the voters in the general election next month for confirmation. It goes without question that the Mayor's selection overwhelmingly will be ratified by the people.

Mr. Benedict received his early training in the newspaper game, having entered that profession when he was 18. He came from the Middle West and joined the staff of the San Francisco Chronicle. His ability early asserted itself with the result that Mayor Rolph appointed him assistant secretary in the Mayor's office.

Thanks Municipal Employee

AS Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West, I desire to express on behalf of the membership, my deep appreciation to the people of California for the patriotism displayed in the observance of the Seventy-eighth anniversary of the admission of California into the Union, and to the MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE *for the splendid publicity given the Native Sons and Daughters celebration at Oakland.*

(Signed) JAMES A. WILSON,
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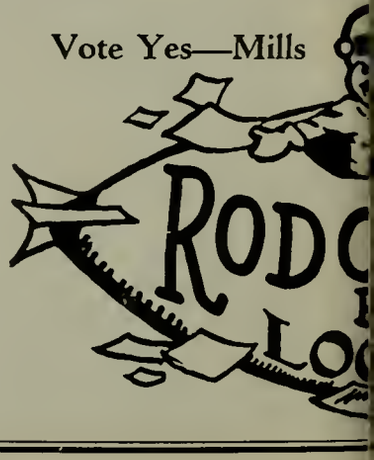

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Her Lifetime Reward

FIFTY years a San Francisco public school teacher, Miss Pauline Landstaedter has left an estate of $15,000. She may have inherited this, as she now leaves it to others. If she saved it out of her salary she succeeded in accumulating a nest egg that would give an income of $900 a year at 6 per cent, says the Chronicle.

This reward for half a century of work does not excite the imaginations of those who get more by easier means than pounding information into little stone heads. The sum is so meager that we hope Miss Landstaedter got a joy out of life and service that cannot be measured by dollars. It is a reward that falls to a great many people who also get the dollars.

The case is worth thinking over by people who want the best of teaching to equip their children for prosperous careers. How many would be satisfied to have their offspring take this teacher's reward as their net financial goal for fifty years of toil?

Voters Can Work Fast

AN informed voter should not require more than three minutes to make up his mind on the 122 questions to be submitted on the ballot for the general election next month, in the opinion of Registrar of Voters, J. Harry Zemansky. As THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE goes to press more than 230,000 voters had qualified to cast their ballots. Registration closed October 6. Mr. Zemansky said that voting machine space will not be taxed, as there are 450 spaces available. On that broad area will be spread twenty-one state propositions, thirty proposed city charter amendments, eight bond issues and the names of candidates for twenty-three state and national officers. Mr. Zemansky predicts the largest vote ever polled in the history of San Francisco.

New Airplane Motor Plant

PURCHASE of 100 acres of land for the establishment of a $400,000 motor plant in South San Francisco, recently was announced by the firm of Umbsen, Kerner and Stevens.

The land lies 1000 feet north of Mills Field. It was purchased by Marchetti Motor Patents, Incorporated, from Percy Shaw, general manager of the South San Francisco Land Improvement Company. It consists of acreage fronting on the Bayshore highway in the Belle Air Island site.

The motor company is capitalized at $2,000,000. Buildings devoted to the manufacture of motors will cover 28,000 square feet, while airplane factory buildings will occupy 18,000 square feet. Machinery costing $300,000 will be installed.

The plant will be devoted to making and marketing a new type of airplane and marine motors. Officers of the new company, which has headquarters in the Russ building, are Paul Marchetti, president; Dr. R. P. Giovanetti, vice-president and secretary; Peter Lippi, treasurer and W. A. Ryder, chief engineer.

Mayor to Crown "Isabella"

Mayor James Rolph Jr., will crown the winner of the Queen Isabella contest at the coronation ball to be held in the Civic Auditorium on October 12, as part of the Columbus Day celebration to be given by the Italian-American societies and the Board of Supervisors from October 12 to 14.

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Play-grounds

By VEDA BERESFORD YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

BIG moments in little lives" have been experienced by scores of playground children on several occasions recently. One of the biggest events was the exciting and interesting trip to the San Francisco Municipal Airport at Mills Field. Fifty boys, winners in the Playground "Lindy" League, were driven in a large bus from the City Hall to the Airport. They were the guests of Frank Flynn, Superintendent of Mills Field. He graciously explained all about the San Francisco Airport to the boys. Afterwards they were treated to a feast of hot dogs and other refreshments. The trip was enjoyed immensely, for the boys are still talking with great enthusiasm about the planes they saw and what they did on that eventful Saturday.

Several of the "Lindy" Leaguers in the Playground Department Aircraft tournament broke national records and, as a result, are not only Pacific Coast winners in a number of events, but were eligible to represent San Francisco in the National tournament in Atlantic City. Greater results are expected next year because of the ever increasing interest in aviation and the "Lindy" League.

THE scores of playground tennis champions were especially jubilant to receive their certificates of award in the Rotunda of the City Hall from the kindly, genial President of the California Lawn Tennis Association, Dr. Sumner Hardy. He has never failed to demonstrate his whole-hearted interest in tennis, and especially has he lent encouragement to this activity in the department.

On the same morning that the tennis awards were distributed, including the trophy won jointly by Julius Kahn and Mission Playgrounds, the baseball awards also were presented. "The Great" Walter Mails gave the boys an inspiring and interesting talk, and another member of the Seals' team, Smead Jolley, shook hands with all the boys and encouraged them in their baseball efforts. The baseball trophy was presented to the James Rolph, Jr., Playground for having won the junior, intermediate and senior city championships.

"The Dolls' House Party," an exceptionally enjoyable operetta, was given at the Excelsior Playground on September 21 and 22, under the direction of Marie V. Foster, Director of Music, Playground Department, and Adele Byrne, Director of Excelsior Playground. The playground boys furnished additional entertainment by rendering vocal, accordion and harmonica selections. The operetta, the first ever presented in the department, was a credit to all, and was enjoyed so much that many of the children and their parents came to both performances.

AT THIS time plans are well under way for the presentation of the first swimming pageant, given by the playground department, which will be held at North Beach Playground, Lombard and Mason Streets. Helen Wollang and Jeanne Mulvihill, the playground department's swimming instructors, are directing the pageant.

An event everyone is especially invited to see is the Fall Festival, to be held by this department in the Civic Auditorium on November 2 at 8 p. m. Hester Proctor, Director of Educational Dramatics, and Marie V. Foster, Director of Music, have written, and are directing the festival. It will be a pleasure to see the playground children taking the parts of brownies, leaves, corn, sunflowers and scarecrows. A host of entertainment surprises are in store for all. So please come Friday evening, November 2, and see this interesting program as a guest of the San Francisco Playground Commission.

Big Moments in Little Lives

Histrionic talent held full sway when this group of happy youngsters from Excelsior Playground staged the Operetta "The Doll's House Party"

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Two Needed Improvements

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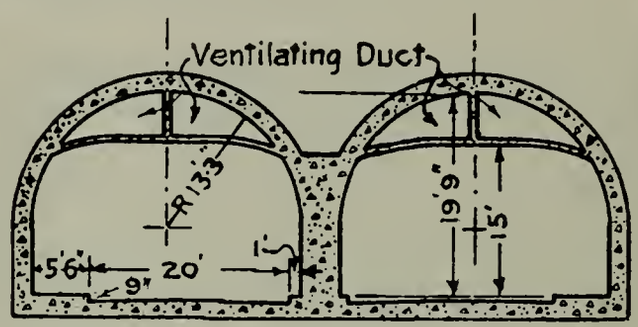
to the inadequate size of the main sewers and the gradual collapsing of the older sewer mains.

Although flood conditions may appear from time to time in the Fillmore Valley district, and the Market Street and Church Street lowland areas, and also in numerous other sections, the cause of these flood conditions arises from the insufficiency of a main sewer possibly over a mile in length, not only in the vicinity of the low-lying area, but along the entire main until it reaches its point of outlet either along the Bay Shore or to a junction with a previously constructed main of proper size.



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Districts which are not adequately served, and which subject property owners and merchants to considerable inconvenience and sometimes damage as the result of flooding basements, are in the neighborhood of Fillmore Street and the valley extending from Fillmore Street down McAllister Street past the Civic Center to Tenth and Market Streets; also Fourteenth, Market and Church Streets; likewise the Park-Presidio district in the vicinity of Twenty-Third Avenue and Geary Street. The existing sewers, ranging from 12-inch pipe up to 3 x 5 feet old brick, are to be replaced with sewers ranging in size from 2 x 3 feet to 6 feet 9 inches circular.

The needs of the Islais Creek section, which now receives the entire drainage from the low-lying Mission Valley and the county line, will be taken care of by the Alemany Boulevard sewer, and the College Hill sanitary sewer, the major portions of which will be in tunnel. These sizes range from 4 x 6 feet up to a two-compartment 8 x 10 feet reinforced concrete. These districts have no service at the present time, with the result that there are often complained of nuisances along Islais Creek channel from Mission Street to San Bruno Avenue.

Sewer Estimate for Bond Issue of 1928

1.	Fillmore Street Sewer: From Sutter and Divisadero Streets through Fillmore Valley and Hayes Valley to Tenth and Harrison Streets	$ 700,000
2.	Fourteenth, Market, and Fifteenth Streets Sewer: From Fourteenth and Market Streets to Fifteenth and Harrison Streets	300,000
3.	College Hill Tunnel: Mission Viaduct to Army Street	350,000
4.	Alemany Boulevard Sewer (Islais Creek): In Industrial Street from Revere Avenue to Bay Shore Boulevard, and in Alemany Boulevard from Bay Shore Boulevard to Mission Street	770,000

5. Twenty-third Avenue and Geary Street Sewer: In Geary Street from Twenty-Seventh Avenue to Twenty-Third Avenue, and in Twenty-Third Avenue from Geary Street to Lake	80,000
Total	$2,200,000

All In the Swim

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Murphy, and George Lovejoy acting as distributors.

From the Health Department, thanks to Dr. Hassler, a city ambulance was provided for such emergency cases as might need treatment.

State Harbor Commissioner Frank Sykes arranged for the use of a barge at which the swimmers could land. The United States Army authorities provided two fine army boats to transport the swimmers across the bay.

The Police Department's patrol boat not only convoyed police swimmers, but assisted in picking up swimmers who were forced to quit the water.

Chief of the Fire Department Murphy was out in his own launch and gave much valuable assistance.

The American Red Cross life-saving department was a godsend, for nurses and doctors, working in a small tent, took care of the swimmers as they were brought ashore and gave such as needed it, first aid.

On top of all that, an Army doctor was on the scene. Al Williams and a score of his men worked like beavers, and there were scores of others—so many it is difficult to name them all.

The Chronicle's Golden Gate swim was suggested three years ago by George F. Lineer, our swimming editor. That first year we had something like seventy-five starters and less than fifty to finish. That year and the second we started our swimmers from boats off Lime Point.

The vast number of entrants forced a change, so the start was ordered off the cove. That has increased the length of the swim approximately three-quarters of a mile and has made it correspondingly difficult.

Business folk have been particularly generous in their donation of trophies. This year we had fifty-five trophies, the finest of which was the Hibernia Bank trophy for first place.

Virtually 80 per cent of those who finished were given trophies. In addition, each to finish was given a silver bar, a present from the Chronicle.

Because of the dangers of permitting a man to swim alone, each swimmer was required to be accompanied by a rowboat and pilot. The Chronicle furnished as many boats as possible while the others were secured by the individuals.

Fort Bragg, Santa Cruz, Sacramento, and many other points, as well as the entire bay section were represented in the swim.

In the short space of three years, the Golden Gate swim has come to be of national importance and its advertising value to the community, as has been remarked, is of far reaching importance.

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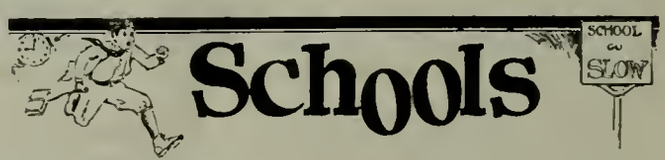
Leonard Leavy Goes to Purchasers' Convention in Toronto

PURCHASER of Supplies, Leonard S. Leavy, left the night of September 30 to attend the Executive Board meeting of the National Purchasing Agents' Association, at Toronto, Canada. Mr. Leavy has served San Francisco as its Purchaser for five years, having completed his fifth year on June 30, last.

LEONARD LEAVY
—Photo by Boye

The national association, embracing the United States and Canada, recognized Mr. Leavy's ability as a purchaser and bestowed upon him justified recognition and this year he was elected Vice-President of the organization. Mr. Leavy's selection as Vice-President of the national association was sponsored by the Purchasing Agents' Association of Northern California. The Purchasing Agent's office in San Francisco has attracted national attention. It resulted in Mr. Leavy having been appointed chairman of the governmental group in the national association. During the last summer Mr. Leavy was requested by the University of Cincinnati to attend a conference there regarding the installation of a centralized purchasing system for the city of Cincinnati.



HOME economics teachers in the elementary and Junior High schools report pleasant and profitable vacations. Several tell of rest and recreation in California beauty spots, others tell of more strenuous weeks in travel and summer sessions. Those who attended summer sessions at colleges were Mrs. Burt, Miss Dougherty, Miss Jeffers, Miss O'Donnell, Miss Ross, Miss Mears and Mrs. Rae.

Miss Dorothy Seaton completed a trip around the world, following about the same itinerary as the supervisor of home economics, Miss Bartlett, who returned just before the close of the spring term. Mrs. Margaret King attended a convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and returned by way of Havana and the Panama Canal. While in Louisville Mrs. King visited several Junior High schools, and was entertained by the home economics department.

Miss Josephine Armer visited the principal cities in the East and studied textiles and examples of historic needlework in several museums. Miss Ethel Child also made a tour of the United States and Canada. Miss Lenore Woodward motored to several of the National Parks.

Of Interest to Women

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FOR LUSTY YOUNG APPETITES

By Martha Adams
The Best Foods Home Economics Service

LUCKILY for most of us, even routine problems take on new interest after a period of relaxation and change. So when late summer days, with the feel of coming autumn in the air, make us think of school, we get out the school lunch kit and take up this all-important matter of building strong young bodies with zest and enthusiasm.

Whether the youngsters eat these lunches, when free from the maternal supervision, whether they thrive and grow under the strain of acquiring the education which is their birthright, is up to the homemaker. Her important responsibility is to make this meal nourishing and appetizing, with the touches of novelty which raise lunch time into a ceremony to be looked forward to in the school day. If good habits in eating are formed during the early school period, they are not likely to be broken in the stress of later life.

It would be well worth while to spend the time and money to procure adequate equipment for the school lunch box or basket at the time the child first trudges to school, selecting equipment which is sturdy enough to last for a period of years. The daintiest lunch in the world can be spoiled in the packing. Whatever the container may be, provide a strong glass jar with a tightly fitting screw top, wax paper for every sandwich, white paper napkins and whatever else may be needed to make the lunch safe and appetizing when opened some hours afterward.

In balancing the lunch box menu, a small bottle of milk will furnish the first of the body-building foods and the fillings that go into that standby the sandwich, the others. For these latter, dark breads are best. The addition of lettuce, celery or other similar vegetable to the filling provides the body regulating food and a dressing of Best Foods Mayonnaise give both added nourishment and the delicious flavor which makes the daily sandwich a prize instead of a routine.

It is always a temptation to tuck into the school lunch, candy or other indigestibles made for more mature consumption, instead of taking time and thought to make special dishes fitted for a place in the child's noon day meal. But there are a number of foods which appeal to thoughtful mothers to take their place as lunch box desserts. Molasses cookies, oatmeal wafers, gingerbread and plain cakes all are suitable fare for the youngsters. Try this recipe for instance, which has been received with shouts of joy by dozens of our young acquaintances.

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New "Golden Gate"

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established. In the company's own business, it uses the air mail to a very large extent.

In the Standard Oil Company's extensive laboratories much research work by its technologists has resulted in the development of fuel and lubricants particularly adapted to the special requirements of the aviation engine.

ANOTHER indication of the place which aviation is taking in the business world is purchase of the Richfield air cruiser. The big liner, which has been declared the "last word" in cabin planes, recently was delivered by air to the Coast and is now in service.

Immediately on the arrival of the big ship, it was disclosed by company officials that the plane was to be put at the disposal of executives of the states of Washington, Oregon and California, for "entertainment purposes."

The thought behind that idea is this: hundreds of important visitors come to the Pacific Coast each year. They are men, or women, whom it is important to entertain; especially to show them the best that the Pacific Coast has to offer. Perhaps they are writers whose published stories will mean thousands of dollars' worth of publicity to this territory. Or they may be financiers able to pour money into these three states for further development of great public enterprises.

It is Richfield's idea that these distinguished visitors — journalists, scientists, financiers, diplomats, statesmen—properly should be shown the states of Washington, Oregon and California. What's more, they should be shown these states from the best viewpoint—the air. And there are none who could be more logical as hosts than the governors or lieutenant-governors of the Pacific states.

That is why the big plane has been put at the disposal of the state officials. For, it might be pointed out, a distinguished journalist, here to gather material on the West in a fairly limited time, could with speedy air transportation get an idea of all the states—not merely a small share of one such as he might see from train, auto, or coastwise ocean liner.

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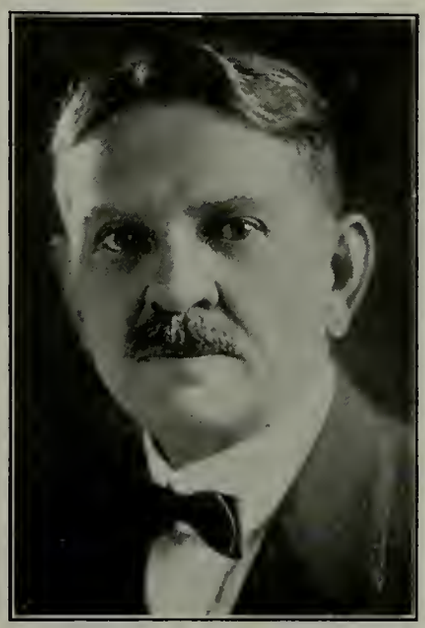

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All plans submitted with applications for permits shall be carefully examined to be sure that they definitely comply with the law. The examination of the plans, so far as their engineering features are concerned, shall be complete, particular attention being given to details. The latter is the cause of the large percentage of the deficiencies in plans, as it is not infrequent to find that the member is ample to function as intended but that the details of its connections or manner of support is entirely inadequate.

The corps of inspectors connected with the Bureau are capable, efficient men, but are insufficient in number to perform the duties of inspection as they should be done by the City. A program for relieving this situation is in the process of preparation and when accomplished will place San Francisco in this respect second to no city in the Union. Insurance rates and the building reputation of the City will respond to the advantage of the public.

At the annual parade and inspection of the Police Department, medals for bravery in the performance of duty were presented to three patrolmen, J. J. Tillman, J. C. Stelzner and Stephen V. Bunner.

Tillman, retired as a patrolman, still lives in San Francisco. Bunner is a captain and Stelzner a sergeant at the Southern Station.

(From Twenty-five Years Ago column, October 2, 1903, The San Francisco Chronicle.)

The Municipal Railway Employees' Band, adorned in their bright new uniforms, played for the Sunnyside residents on September 27, 1928, at Sunnyside Community Hall, Monterey Boulevard and Forester streets. The band was well received and the boys were called upon for many encores.

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Municipal Railway

By Eugene W. Clisbee

THE Municipal Railway Carmen's Grand Annual Ball for the benefit of their "Sick and Injured Fund," will be held at New Dreamland Auditorium on Saturday evening, October 20. Superintendent Fred Boeken will be honorary chairman of the evening. William Mulvaney will be floor manager and Otto Jacobsen will officiate in the capacity of chairman of the reception committee. John J. Sherry has been appointed chairman of the arrangements committee. Other members of the committee are:

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EUGENE W. CLISBEE

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Cornelius Ring and J. A. Robinson.

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Health Department

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To prevent disease is our chief aim, therefore, every means is employed to educate people to the importance of isolating the sick from the well; to call attention to the danger of the carrier of disease; to stress the importance of vaccination against smallpox and to bring about intelligent cooperation with the Department by observance of its laws for, after all, as one writer aptly has said: "A nation's true wealth lies, not in its lands and waters, not in its forests and mines, not in its flocks and herds, not in its dollars, but in its healthy and happy men, women and children."

IN properly recording a baby's birth we have started him off as a legal entity, as it were, and have fortified him against future anxiety, embarrassment and possible loss. The next step is to watch that baby and to see that he is kept fit and well. This is done through the medium of Health Centers and Well Baby Clinics.

These are essentially neighborhood or community activities and their importance in public health work cannot be overestimated. They are watch towers from which to observe the growth and development of the infants and children of the pre-school age and to serve as school of instruction for parents. The effect of educating the mothers of a neighborhood in the care and feeding of their infants and pointing out ways and means of correcting existing defects in the pre-school child is far-reaching. It permits the clinician to instruct the mother in the fundamentals of general sanitation and personal hygiene, which are further elaborated by tactful approach when the nurse or social worker visits the home.

The next step forward is to follow the boy or girl through early school life and this feature is handled by the School Health Inspection Division, comprised of a chief medical inspector, eight assistant physicians and thirty-six field nurses.

A dental clinic is in operation at the Central office, caring for the teeth of school children. There are also four dentists working in schools where similar service is rendered.

In many large cities the duty of caring for the indigent and the sick poor is placed under a separate Board of Charities, but under our Charter this duty is delegated to the Department of Public Health and becomes one of its activites. Four separate and distinct types of hospital service are rendered the public of our city. There are five emergency hospitals, located in different sections of the city, each equipped with motor ambulances, doctors and stewards or nurses.

The City and County Hospital—known and designated as the San Francisco Hospital, and without a peer in America—offers free medical and surgical aid to the sick poor, the general wards having a capacity of more than 500 beds. The Isolation Hospital cares solely for cases of communicable diseases and has a capacity of 250 beds. The Tuberculosis Hospital with a bed capacity of 300, with a fully equipped chest clinic for diagnostic and follow-up work, has a total of approximately 1200 beds for the sick poor and we are now on the eve of establishing an outside Preventorium, land for which has been acquired in San Mateo County. The Almshouse, designated as the Relief Home for Aged and Infirm has a capacity of

THE average citizen seldom hears of the many things that require constant vigilance of health authorities. Nothing less than an epidemic, when it reaches the sensational stage of newspaper headlines, can arrest his attention. The work goes on so quietly and efficiently for the benefit of the people that few appreciate the service rendered.

1500 and a standing population of 1475 inmates from all walks of life.

The Social Service has for its personnel three city physicians and seven social workers. All calls for sickness, reported by doctors, the Police Department, by neighbors or citizens generally are investigated by the Social Service Department to determine the social status of the case. During a recent year 10,345 cases were investigated, of which 9376 were disposed of to hospitals and other charities and 969 cases refused permanent care, but in no instance, even with a non-resident, is temporary care or aid refused until relatives or friends can afford relief or proper transfer.

The city physicians, in addition to serving the Social Service branch, have under their professional care, all prisoners confined in the City Prison and in the County Jails. In addition, they must investigate and follow up all municipal railway accident cases and treat and care for all injuries and accidents.

A social hygienic clinic, under control of four clinicians, is maintained at the central office of the Board of Health. A separate clinic is maintained at the City Prison.

The internal department divisions of the Department of Health are designated as follows: Sanitation, Epidemiology, Disinfection, Dairy, Food and Milk Inspection, Meat and Market Inspection, Industrial Inspection, Housing Inspection, Plumbing Inspection, Division of Laboratories.

We maintain a modern bacteriological and chemical laboratory under the supervision of a chief bacteriologist with a corps of assistants. Here the drinking water supply of the city regularly is tested to determine its potability from the samples collected semi-monthly by our food inspectors from various sources of Spring Valley supply. Regular tests also are made of samples of bathing water collected from the various swimming pools operated by clubs throughout the city, as well as from all public swimming pools. Milk and food samples are examined and reported on to guide the Health Officer and to assist him in properly enforcing the law.

Having taken notice of the entrance of the individual into life, we check on his exit into eternity. In one year we handled 7650 death certificates exchanging interment, cremation or shipping permits to that number.

Beginning October 23, the State Railroad Commission will hear applications of the Golden Gate Ferry Company and the Southern Pacific for permits to operate an automobile ferry service to Alameda.

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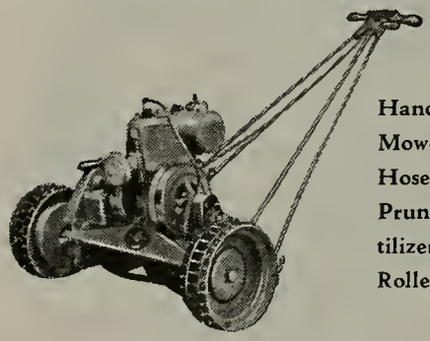

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First Duty to Sick

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Cancer now causes more deaths in San Francisco than any other illness. One out of every five persons between the ages of 40 and 65 will die of cancer. This is the most serious health problem confronting the city and, indeed, the country today.

It is proposed to erect a Cancer Institute—a sort of cancer emergency hospital where rich and poor can be treated by the most modern methods. It is proposed, of course, that the rich help pay the cost of treatment, but that everyone—rich and poor—be given the advantage of the most modern treatment. It is proposed also to carry on intensive research into the causes and cure of cancer.

Most large cities of the country have such institutes, but San Francisco has none. It is imperative for the health of the people that one be provided.

The item for erection of a psychopathic unit also is very important. Until a few years ago, psychopathic cases were sent to a jail-like place at the Emergency Hospital, and a large majority of such cases finally were committed to state institutions.

A few years ago the supervisors provided money for a psychopathic ward at the San Francisco Hospital. In that limited ward hundreds of cases are treated every year and more than 40 per cent of those sent to it have been cured so that they could resume their lives in their homes and did not have to be sent to state institutions.

Enlargement of this ward will be a blessing to hundreds of San Franciscans—the sick themselves and their families.

The tuberculosis sanitarium near Redwood City has been a great success. It must be enlarged. There are hundreds of persons in the San Francisco Hospital suffering from tuberculosis. They could resume their work in a few months, if they could spend those months at the city's wonderful rest farm. It is proposed to enlarge the preventorium to take care of these unfortunates.

The bond issue, as Doctor Gallwey points out, is the most important proposition before the people. The city's health should come first. Let's put San Francisco Number One in health matters.

Airport Official in Mishap

Frank A. Flynn, superintendent of San Francisco's municipal airport at Mills Field, was injured the night of September 16, when an airplane he was piloting from Mines Field, Los Angeles, crashed outside the city of Tulare. With Mr. Flynn at the time was James Gilbert, a fellow flyer.

Running out of fuel the aviators were circling over the city in the dark in search of a landing. The plane crashed through telephone wires along the Santa Fe right-of-way north of Tulare and burst into flames. Both flyers extricated themselves from the wreck and were treated at the Tulare Hospital for cuts and bruises. A few days after the accident Superintendent Flynn was on the job at Mills Field, none the worse for his thrilling experience.

The following transfers have been announced by Chief of Police O'Brien:

Effective September 24: Officer Arthur J. Curry, from Company K to Company G; and Officer Charles E. Human, from Company G to Company K.

Legion of Honor Palace

ONE of the most important announcements yet made in connection with the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, is that the greatest exposition of sculpture ever held will be opened about the first of next April at the Palace, showing late work of contemporary American sculptors from all over the country. The preliminary arrangements to secure this event were made by President Herbert Fleishhacker of the Board of Trustees while in New York in June; and further details were agreed upon by the Director, Dr. Cornelia B. Sage Quinton, who made a trip to New York the following month for this purpose. Sponsoring the exposition, in addition to Mr. Fleishhacker, the Board, and the Director, are Dr. Archer Milton Huntington of New York, repeated benefactor of the California Palace, who will contribute $100,000.00 to pay the expenses of the great undertaking; and also the National Sculpture Society, whose President, Mr. Adolph Alexander Weinman, and the council of the organization, will appoint the necessary committees and issue the invitations to those that are expected to exhibit. The committee will visit San Francisco in March to make the final arrangements.

THIS exposition will be so large that many pieces will be placed outside the building. To provide a proper setting for these sculptures Park Superintendent John McLaren will apply his well-known artistic ability in setting out special landscaping, including the use of rhododendrons and other shrubs. Mr. McLaren is enthusiastic about the plans. The exhibition will last for at least six months and will include the work of such well-known Californians as M. Earl Cummings, Jo Mora, Haig Patigian and Edgar Walter, as well as the greatest sculptors from all other parts of the country.

Dr. Quinton and Major Quinton, as Director and Curator of the Albright Art Gallery in Buffalo, New York, held a similar exhibition in 1916, which received the highest praise from the National Sculpture Society. Dr. Huntington, as President of the Hispanic Society, sponsored a similar event in New York in 1923.

Other coming exhibitions at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor will include a fine Southwest show of a hundred paintings by the famous artists of Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico, to be on view in November and December of this year; and an American exhibition of a hundred paintings from the Grand Central Galleries of New York, to take place from February 8, 1929, to the first week in March.

The fine show of almost two hundred photographs, sponsored by the Pictorial Photographic Society of San Francisco, was opened at the Legion of Honor Palace on September 16, and will continue until October 7. It is remarkable that a small organization, consisting of only seven members, all of them amateurs, should be able to assemble an exhibition of this quality and importance from ten foreign countries as well as from all parts of the United States. Anson Herrick is Director and H. A. Hussey, Secretary of the Salon Committee of the organization.

The one-man show of paintings by F. Luis Mora and the Jacob Stern Loan Collection will continue on view indefinitely.

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Who's Who in the Spring Valley

GEORGE W. PRACY, superintendent of the city distribution system of the Spring Valley Water Company, was born in the Mission District of San Francisco some time between the founding of the Mission Dolores and the fire of 1906. It was out of respect for George's birthplace on Church Street that the conflagration spared most of the Mission District.

GEORGE W. PRACY

As a small child, George displayed a great deal of mechanical and mathematical ability. In consequence he was sent to the Cogswell School, where he rapidly absorbed all that his teachers knew, including everything that X is equal to and those very quaint relationships that are alleged to exist between the side of one angle and the tangent of some other equally interesting angle. It followed as a matter of course that the University of California welcomed him with open arms, and he graduated therefrom in 1908 with more honors than he has been able to remember. And being a modest man, he never talks of these things anyway.

For a time George was professor of mathematics at Cogswell, but he tired of the academic atmosphere and found the work that suited him under G. A. Elliott, who at that time was with the Great Western Power Company. Elliott went to Spring Valley Water Company in 1909, and having acquired the habit of association with George Pracy, he insisted on taking George with him. Neither has ever regretted the companionship. Elliott is now vice-president, chief engineer and general manager of Spring Valley; George is his right hand man.

It may be that there is somewhere in the streets of San Francisco a pipe that George Pracy does not know about, but if so, it must have been laid while George was not looking—and he is looking twenty-four hours a day. Spring Valley's city pipe system is perhaps one of the most complicated in the world and George Pracy carries the entire scheme in his head. It occasionally happens that he consults a pipe map, but that is just a gesture. He knows what he will find before he looks at the record.

George is a valued member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He writes for various learned engineering publications quite regularly, and has never yet been tripped up in a mathematical formula or a statement of fact. He was one of the most successful presidents the California Section of the American Water Works Association ever had, and in recognition of his ability he has been made a director of the national association.

Having been born in the Mission, George took naturally to baseball and used to cover first base with brilliancy. It is a tradition in the Mission that nothing ever got by him at that bag. He also played a wicked game of basketball when that sport was just gaining recognition. His current recreation is pipe inspecting and wrestling with pipe gangs. He has never lost a decision.

Parks and Museums

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Foreman Max Foehr has returned from a three and a half months' trip to his old home in Marbach, Germany, where he visited his mother, now 82 years old, and his father-in-law, who is 95. Max had a letter from Mayor Rolph, which helped in getting to see some of the points of interest. He traveled mostly in an automobile with his brother, who is a physician, and visited various parts of Germany, including Potsdam, Sans Souci, and others. He found business conditions surprisingly good and the people satisfied with their republican form of government. While he was away Foehr's part of the Park was in charge of August Kusche.

Paul McHugh spent two weeks of September on vacation, visiting Stockton, Santa Cruz and other places.

Miss Carolyn Levy, Mr. McLaren's stenographer, sailed for the east last month on the steamer Mongolia for a two months' visit to New York, Boston, and other points. During her absence Mrs. Constance Wakefield is again taking Mr. McLaren's dictation.

Mrs. Anna Hughes of Playground Superintendent W. V. Belding's force in Golden Gate Park took her two weeks' vacation last month. Mrs. Hughes' daughter, Miss Martha Mercedes Hughes, was married to Sherman McGayey of this city on September 29, at the First Baptist Church, Market and Octavia Streets. After a honeymoon spent at Seattle and Portland the young couple will make their home in San Francisco.

The War Mothers held an enjoyable luncheon at Heroes' Grove in Golden Gate Park, near Fourteenth Avenue and Fulton Street, on September 11. Foreman Albert Chaquette, under direction of Superintendent McLaren, supplied the ladies with tables and chairs for the meeting.

Foreman Frank Slattery is back on the job after the severe accident described last month. Frank seems none the worse for his painful experience.

Peter Barizon of Foreman Paul Bohm's crew has traded his home here for a ranch of fifty-two acres near Manteca and will do his farming there hereafter.

De Young Memorial Museum

ON account of its appropriateness to Admission Day, Curator George H. Barron of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, last month placed on display for the first time, an exhibition consisting of a number of documents formerly the property of Dr. William M. Gwin who, with Colonel John C. Fremont, was one of the first United States senators from California. The papers were given to Mr. Barron for the Museum by the daughter-in-law of Senator Gwin, and they are of great historical interest.

The Senator was one of eight delegates from San Francisco to the first constitutional convention, held in Monterey in 1849. He also was a member of the select committee appointed to report "a plan, or any part of a plan, of a state Constitution," and one of the documents in the Museum's collection is his minority report suggesting the wording of the preamble. There also is a script of the much briefer preamble that actually was adopted. In addition there is included a script copy of the suggested wording of the first three sections of Article I, being the Declaration of Rights. The first of these proposed sections was rejected, but the second, guaranteeing trial by jury, was

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adopted, without change, as section three. The proposed section three, relating to religious freedom, became, with slight changes, section four of the Constitution.

ANOTHER of the Gwin documents is an invitation by the Democratic Union of California Club of New York, to the Senator, inviting him to the first ball of that club at Tammany Hall, April 25, 1850. One of the purposes of the organization was to secure the admission of California to the union.

The latter result was not accomplished without difficulty. On account of the acute interest in the slavery question at the time, and because of the fact that the California Constitution forbade slavery in this state, there was a long fight in Congress over the admission of California, and the debate lasted several months. One of the Gwin documents in the Museum's collection is a pamphlet giving extracts from the speeches on the subject made in Congress by Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, and others. The admission of the state was one of a series of measures included in what later was called the Compromise of 1850; these measures were proposed by Henry Clay.

Other papers in the Gwin collection include the petition, dated December, 1851, for the establishment in San Francisco of a branch mint; a protest by the Senator to the Postmaster-General against the three-cent charge for postage on newspapers to California; documents relating to the early fortifications of San Francisco harbor; letters to Senator Gwin from notable men in public life, showing such signatures as those of Daniel Webster; Presidents John Tyler and James Buchanan; George Bancroft, the historian and one time Secretary of State; Archbishop Joseph S. Alemany, and others.

Miss Cecile Sorbier, President of the San Francisco Club Auxiliary to the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, has announced that the annual luncheon of the Club will be held this year on November 10, at noon. As usual the event will be held in the gold ballroom of the Palace Hotel.

The October schedule of semi-weekly lectures at the Museum, which will be given at two p. m. on Wednesdays and at four p. m. on Sundays, is as follows: October 3 and 7, Louis C. Towne in the gallery of musical instruments; the 10th and 14th, Miss Helen Gordon Barker in the Oriental gallery; the 17th and 21st, Mr. Towne in the numismatic gallery; the 24th and 28th, Miss Barker in the Oriental gallery; and the 31st, Mr. Towne in the furniture galleries.

Curator George H. Barron of the de Young Museum has been appointed Chairman of the Pageant Committee of the Columbus Day celebration. Mr. Barron has had a great deal of experience in this line of work, notably in connection with the Diamond Jubilee celebration in September, 1925.

Mr. Barron, who is Grand Historiographer of the Native Sons of the Golden West, delivered an address on the evening of Admission Day at the First Methodist Church, Oakland, as a part of the celebration of the day.

Among sponsors of the African hunt film "Simba," which appeared at the Columbia Theatre, were President Herbert Fleishhacker and Honorary President George T. Cameron of the Board of Trustees of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, Mayor Rolph, and Curator George H. Barron. The receipts of the picture are to go to the Carl E. Akeley African Memorial Hall of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS

By J. L. Slater, Jr.

ONE bright morning during his vacation Markle left his apartment to stroll around the city. A few minutes later he met his friend, Martin Jensen, Dole flight air racer, who invited Carl for a "little" ride. With the innocence of a new-born babe, Markle accompanied Jensen to Mills Field, where they stepped into a new twelve-passenger plane and hopped off for a spin. On regaining consciousness nine hours or so later, Carl found himself gently dropping out of the clouds into Denver with $3.46 in his jeans. Two days later he returned home in the same plane safe and sound. Jensen was testing the plane for a prospective purchaser.

R. H. Owens, accompanied by Mrs. Owens and Rube Junior, spent two weeks vacationing in Southern California, where they have many friends.

Manelli wants to know who autographed a new baseball of his which he kept in his desk. Several flowery names were inscribed on the spheroid, but Caesar is interested in one name only. Watch that fellow Clifton, Duke.

E. A. Garen returned to work after making his annual visit to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he spent several days with relatives.

Tom Lundy and party have been cross-sectioning the proposed Junipero Serra Boulevard extension south of the county line. Kind of hard on the rodman, eh, Tom?

Reinfeld drove to Los Angeles for the Engineers' ball game, but while there was informed of the drowning of his brother-in-law. Harry drove back immediately and later recovered the body from the San Joaquin River.

John Casey, our able President, has been on the job at Tenth and Division Streets. John has had a severe cold and did not look any too well when we last saw him.

Carl Stern's wife and daughter had a narrow escape from death recently when their car was struck by another machine traveling at high speed in the Sunset District. Both occupants of the car were taken to the Emergency Hospital, where first aid was administered. The car was badly damaged, but Carl did not mind that, as his wife and daughter are getting along nicely.

New Ferry, Air Lines Deal

ANNOUNCEMENT was made last month of a deal between the Golden Gate Ferry Company and the Union Air Lines, Inc., whereby each concern will act as agents for the other in the sale of tickets via their concurrent routes. The Golden Gate Stages will participate in the benefits of the arrangement. Under the deal covering the concurrent connection of the Golden Gate and Union services, offices of the Golden Gate ferry and bus lines at San Francisco, Berkeley, Vallejo, Petaluma and Santa Rosa will handle reservations for the Union line planes, while the Union offices on the Pacific Coast will sell tickets over the Golden Gate lines. H. Clay Bernard, executive vice-president of the Union organization, and Harry E. Speas, vice-president and general manager of the Golden Gate Ferry Company, signed the agreement, which has been confirmed by Charles V. Eakin, president of the Union Air Lines, and A. O. Stewart, president of the Golden Gate Ferry Company.

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New Tunnel an Engineering Feat

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The length of the new double track constructed is 4.74 miles. Appropriations amounting to $616,000 have been made for the work.

Completion of the line has been greatly delayed, due to the fact that an injunction suit was brought against the city and the contractor on October 6, 1927, immediately after the award of the contract for construction of the line, prohibiting progress of the work. Thus the work was delayed until final settlement of the case in May, this year.

West Portal of Sunset Tunnel

Under agreement with the Market Street Railway, and in lieu of the purchase of a one-half interest in the joint trackage, the city is to pay the company an annual charge of $555 plus 7½ cents per car mile for the privilege of operating over the tracks on Carl Street and on Duboce Avenue between Church and Fillmore Streets.

The service proposed will give a headway of approximately five minutes.

In order to supply the necessary electric power to the railway the Pacific Gas & Electric Company has built a new substation on 9th Avenue, south of Judah Street, thus saving long connections from other stations.

Interior View of Sunset Tunnel

Eaton & Smith have been the contractors on the track work, and Robert W. Jamison has taken care of the electrical work.

Father Junipero Serra Calls to San Francisco

By the Municipal Bard

FROM placeless realms where time is all unknown,
Bending above thee I have watched thee grow
From tented homes and flat adobes low
To wondrous palaces of steel and stone:
Watched thy successes in the marts of trade
From small beginnings to attainments great,
Singing the glories of thy Golden State
Where'er the sun doth throw its light and shade.
And, too, thy charities are never small,
Responding generously to cries of need—
Gracing assurance with the finer deed—
In answering thy brother's far-flung call.
But charity alone must fall far short
Of meeting fullness of Divine desire,
And in the flames of His consuming fire
Leave naught but ashes in thy heart's retort.
Where once the deep tones of the Mission bell
Summoned to worship 'neath low arches dim,
The soul communing there attuned with Him
In whose embrace alone are all things well,
Now stand thy temples with their marks of ease,
And all thy worshippers in rich array—
Where on hard stones my people knelt to pray—
Now proudly kneel with scarce a thought of these.
Thus striving, hast thou lost all sentiment—
Forgetting struggles of the pioneers
Who in their deprivations saw through tears
The rich bestowals of Divine intent?
Must these my Missions beg to be restored—
These holy places where thy fathers trod
With sometimes rev'rence in the Path of GOD—
Through which His mercies on their souls were poured?
This life thou livest is the merest breath—
A clock-tick in the history of the soul—
Beside eternity's unending roll,
And selfish striving is eternal death!
Oh, wake! and heed the Spirit Voice within,
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And rise from human to the perfect MAN
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Give Youth Its Chance

By Colonel George Filmer

PROGRESS moves these days with swift flying feet, and in no way is this more evident than in the care and education of children. The old hit or miss methods are finished. No longer is the assimilation of the three R's enough to carry a child into an adequate maturity. The modern scheme demands that his leisure time be directed, his play supervised, and his tender and reckless little body protected against the juggernauts of modern life that rush about the streets on a thousand errands.

The streets are perilous even for the grown pedestrian. For the play-concentrated child, a chance automobile, even with a careful driver, spells possible disaster.

The answer, long established by thinking educators and civic minded people, is plenty of well supervised playgrounds, centrally located in each district, and attractive enough to create a counter lure to the perilous charm of the congested streets.

The proposed bond issue, to be voted on at the November 6 election for $3,100,000, will carry San Francisco's playground a step further on the road to adequacy. In the surveys made by experts throughout the country, the proper play space for playgrounds is figured as 150 square feet minimum for each child; 200 square feet is called the proper amount. San Francisco has only sixty-nine square feet at the present time.

The money to be raised by the bond issue will purchase twenty-nine new parcels of land, and add necessary space to five grounds already established.

This will give the children in every district at least a reasonable amount of space, and will be the beginning of a constructive and carefully planned program of recreation facilities, which San Francisco has lacked heretofore.

The obvious economy of such a bond issue at this time is self-evident. Land that is purchased now, at the current prices, will double or triple in value within a short term of years. The bond issue will take forty years to fully mature. We will have all of that time to realize the profit on present day purchases. Open lots of land in the congested districts that particularly need playgrounds are growing fewer in number almost momentarily. Soon they will not be procurable, both on account of price and important use for other purposes. This is the time to buy land.

The moral and ethical side of playground work is surely most important. The need for supervised play, under competent directors, cannot be strongly enough stressed, according to the combined opinion of every authority in social welfare work. The active, imaginative child, especially under present day opportunities for mischief, may either turn to sports, dramatics, music, and other organized activities, according to his

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taste, in the playground in his neighborhood, or he may turn his imagination to street corner gangs, and use his cleverness in ways that may land him in a variety of evil places. As an economic commonplace it is far cheaper for a community to prevent crime than to punish or cure it after it happens. The value of a fine human life cannot be estimated in any such terms as the more easily arrived at cost of a life of crime, or even of failure. The utilizing of leisure either for child or adult is the biggest problem of the modern social and educational problem. Adequate playgrounds will help most definitely to solve that problem.

That the present playgrounds, scattered very sparsely throughout the city, receive adequate patronage is well established in the fact that during the last fiscal year from June, 1927, to June, 1928, there was an attendance record of 2,732,310 children. That there is a vast and immediate need for the city of San Francisco to recognize this most vital and pressing need at once is surely without question.

Every citizen with the present or future of the city and its children at heart will vote for the Playground Bonds, Number 57 on the ballot for the election on November 6.

BASEBALL NOTES

By John W. Thomas

We are glad to have Irv Nelson back with us again as we surely missed him during his sojourn in a local hospital, where he underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils. He has improved considerably since leaving the hospital and is now playing a bang-up game around third base.

"Red" Nyhan, our dazzling backstop, has severed connections with the railway in order to accept a position as one of San Francisco's fire fighters. We are sorry to see "Red" depart from our ranks, but wish him lots of good luck in his new position.

Harold Hunt, our smiling young conductor, is giving a good account of himself behind the plate. He is catching a brilliant game and hitting timely.

Arthur Moyle, the veteran second sacker, recently returned from his ranch in Sonoma County, where he made several improvements while on his vacation. Unfortunately, during the progress of a game on September 16, Arthur was struck on the neck by a pitched ball and painfully injured. We are glad to report, however, that he is improving rapidly and will be back with us again in a short time.

"Mussolini" Arata, who has not been hitting his weight for some time, finally broke into the hit column when, with three balls and no strikes, he picked on a cripple.

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It may be of interest to lovers of fiction to know that the main library has over fifty classified lists of fiction: Adventure, Mystery, War, Sea, Character, and Cheerful are a few of the interesting subjects covered in the lists. They are continually being added to, as new books come from the catalogue department, and form an interesting service to the public.

Library Notes

What causes librarians to smile? Requests for The Ugly Dutch ("The Ugly Duchess"), the Ruby Yacht ("The Rubaiyat"), Bishop Passes Away ("Death Comes for the Archbishop") and Bon Ami Trial ("Bellamy Trial"), The Brig of St. Law ("The Bridge of San Luis Rey").

In discussing the proposed amendment to increase the appropriation for the library, the well-informed library assistant has adopted the laconic but pithy battle cry "More money, more books," which to be trite, is more truth than poetry.

Miss Isabella Johnston, of the periodical department, has been very ill, but her many friends are happy to hear that she is on the road to recovery, and will no doubt be back with us shortly.

The popularity of the course in cataloguing given by Mrs. Irene Smith under auspices of the University of California Extension Division has led Mr. Rea, the librarian, to arrange for another course. This class, which is on reference work, is under the supervision of Miss K. Keating of the Berkeley library.

Miss Jessie Fredericks, in charge of the music department, was particularly busy during the current opera season. Demands for librettos, scores and the stories of the operas poured in each day, but Miss Fredericks and her able assistant, Miss Florenz Rabe, have so systemized their work that months before the opera season opens they are prepared for the avalanche of questions and demands that ensue.

An interesting exhibit of projects in design has been on display in the Exhibit Room on the first floor of the main library. Not alone were the problems worked out on paper, but many purses, dresses, and articles for the home were displayed to good advantage.

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Book Reviews

Norman Matson, author of "Day of Fortune," is a former San Francisco newspaper man. For six years he served as reporter, feature writer and editor of various San Francisco newspapers. During the last ten years he has worked on papers in California, New York, Washington, London, Paris, Vienna, and Italy. His novel has been hailed by foreign critics as in the line of Knut Hamsun, but with a softer touch

NORMAN MATSON

THE Sanctity of Law—In What Does It Consist? (Harper and Brothers, New York. $3.50.) Highly recommended to all students of politics and readers in general. Professor Burgess has produced a work which excels for clear thinking, simple exposition and ripe scholarship. In these days of general discussion of the breakdown of law enforcement, The "Sanctity of Law" is bound to have a marked effect upon the reader and to develop ideas as to what the phrase really means. Historical, showing the beginnings of law and tracing its growth of reverence. One notes a feeling of optimism on the part of Professor Burgess for the world's future, although he intimates that the Versailles Treaty has set back for fifty years at least the progress of sane internationalism.

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All Children Must Be Paid For, by L. De G. Sieveking. Illustrated. (Brentano's, New York. $2.00). A pungent commentary on modern foibles and fancies, with appropriate illustrations by Pearl Bender. An up-to-the-minute book, in a somewhat different style. Interesting and readable. (P. P. L.)

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Men Are Like That, by Leonard Ramsden Hartill. (Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis. $3.00). A very human book of adventure among the strange and interesting people of the Caucasus. A new viewpoint of a portion of world affairs that has occupied men's thoughts for many years. Recommended. (E. L. T.)

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The Patriot, by H. C. and A. E. Walter. 349 pp. (E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. $2.) He was fascinating, hypnotic. He had transfixed the trembling girl with his gaze. But just as he approached her the curtains parted and a masked face appeared. A revolver

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barked and the murderous shot poured into his heart and he fell at her feet. From this dramatic introduction the reader is shown Scotland Yard at its best working down every clue until the criminal is known. Why did the murderer choose his victim? This question will hold the reader to the very end. Recommended.

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The Light That Shines Through, by Octavus Roy Cohen (Little, Brown & Co., Boston. $2.) Do you like a good, readable romance? Get "The Light That Shines Through" and you will read and enjoy every word from start to finish. One is seldom if ever disappointed with Octavus Roy Cohen, and in this work he is at his best. A clean, healthy story, with none of the cheap immoralities that seem so necessary to give reader interest to some of the recent "literature." And a happy ending—"Hold me tight against you, John," she begged. "Hold me so tight that it will hurt. And then, dear—tell me that you love me." Highly recommended. (P. P. L.)

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Jolly Good Times At School, by Mary P. Wells Smith. With frontispiece in color and eight illustrations in black and white by Helen Mason Crose. (Little, Brown & Co., Boston. $2.) Mary P. Wells Smith maintains her appeal in the hearts of the children. In this new illustrated edition of an old favorite, Mrs. Smith watches the boys and girls of her earlier "Jolly Good Times" during their days at school. These are the school days of another time, a life so different from that of today, so different from the life of the children of the cities, that Mrs. Smith's charming picture seems to be well worth a new and modern frame.

This book is recommended by the American Library Association in their 1926 catalog of "An Annotated List of Ten Thousand Books for a Popular Library." A juvenile, highly recommended. (G. H. A.)

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The Man From The River, by G. D. H. and Margaret Cole. (Macmillan Co., New York. $2.00.) A plausible, readable detective story. These are real flesh-and-blood people who move through "The Man from the River." To the quiet old town of Steeple-Tollesbury comes Superintendent Wilson of Scotland Yard to spend a carefree vacation; but on the very day of Wilson's arrival, the recovering of a floating body from the Toll plunges the whole town into the midst of a double mystery.

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Native Sons of the Golden West conducted the ceremonies at the laying of the corner stone for the new branch library on Sixteenth Street. The branch was made possible by a fund donated to the people of San Francisco by A. B. McCreery, a pioneer resident. Among the speakers at the corner stone laying were H. R. McNoble, Lewis F. Byington, James D. Phelan, A. L. Mann. — (From Twenty-Five Years Ago column, September 21, 1903, The San Francisco Chronicle.)

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Fire Chief Murphy was granted a month's leave of absence by the Board of Fire Commissioners at their meeting September 24, to allow the Chief to attend conventions of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs in Sacramento, October 1 to 6, and of the International Fire Chiefs' Association in Philadelphia, October 16 to 20.

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Michael J. Sullivan and James L. English are top men in the list of 380 men declared eligible for appointment to the San Francisco Police Department. They will head the list of seventy-six men to be appointed to fill sixty additions to the department and sixteen vacancies.

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A Gala Day for Sunset Folk

By Walter Gaines Swanson

IN the annals of the Sunset, Sunday, October 21, 1928, will be written as the greatest day in the history of that flourishing business and beautiful residential district.

History was written for the district that October day when Mayor James Rolph, Jr., City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy, the Board of Supervisors, the Sunset-Parkside District, Inc., and affiliated organizations inaugurated the new "N" carline of the Municipal Railway, in conjunction with an auspicious program which celebrated the opening of the new Sunset tunnel. Mayor Rolph, as motorman, and Mrs. Minnie White, as conductor, piloted the first car through the tunnel. It was 1:30 p. m. when the ferry building siren heralded to the city the completion of the tunnel and the new addition to the Municipal Railway. The first car started from the Duboce and Market Streets junction and was cheered by the crowds that lined both sides of the streets. The car went through the Sunset tunnel and over Judah Street to the beach. Crowds estimated at from 30,000 to 50,000 people witnessed the dedication ceremonies.

Attesting the commercial success of the new line, Superintendent Fred Boeken of the Municipal Railway reported after the first day's operation that the "N" line earned a total of $695.20, the largest earnings that day of any line in the city except "B."

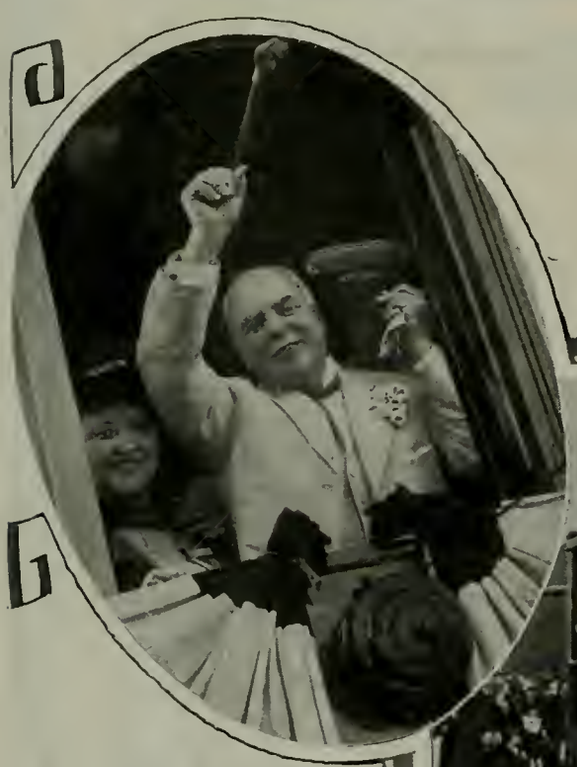
The exercises that inaugurated the new service were the most spectacular of any similar event in the history of San Francisco. Amplifiers erected at Forty-eighth Avenue and Judah Street carried the words of the speakers to a tremendous crowd spread over the sand dunes, the streets, housetops and the adjoining esplanade.

Dr. Alexander S. Keenan, chairman of the day, introduced Mayor Rolph as the head of the municipal corporation that achieved that great triumph for the Sunset District and San Francisco. Former Supervisor Lewis F. Byington was orator of the day, for Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher, who was ill.

Speakers of the day included William F. Benedict, assistant manager of the Chamber of Commerce; Kenneth H. Smitten, acting president of the Sunset-Parkside District, Inc.; Commissioner Timothy A. Reardon, president of the Board of Public Works; Commissioner Fred H. Meyer; Colonel Stanton, John J. Calish, Edward F. Vandeleur, Mrs. Minnie White, Mrs. M. A. Stanton, Mrs. A. C. Wellbrock.

Supervisor Milo F. Kent, chairman of the city's airport committee, commissioned a plane piloted by Bartlett Stephens, assistant manager of Mills Field, to distribute 10,000 congratulatory cards, over the dedication exercises.

Through the courtesy of the Board of Public Works a splendid arrangement of seating was planned for more than 15,000 people. The chairs were occupied long before automobiles discharged their passengers and the surrounding housetops were brought into use.



Conductor Mrs. Minnie White and Motorman "Jimmy" Rolph smiling through into the Sunset

Car No. 1 of the new "N" line, receives welcome

Dr. Alexander S. Keenan, chairman of the day

Widows and Orphans benefit by the Firemen's Ball—November 3

More Parks, More Playgrounds

By HOWARD G. HANVEY

OF THE numerous proposals and measures upon which the voters will be required to express their judgment at the November 6 election, there are three that stand forth clearly in their vital importance to the people of San Francisco and their children.

The three concern the opportunities for healthful outdoor recreation. They are designed to meet with proper foresight, the problem faced by a city of limited area with expansion blocked by the natural barriers of water on three sides and a range of hills on the fourth.

San Francisco's situation with respect to sufficient parks and play facilities is similar to that of New York City, with this important exception—San Francisco still has the opportunity to provide adequately for these needs. New York, restricted like San Francisco by natural barriers, failed years ago to exercise the foresight that would have given her present teeming millions sufficient "breathing spaces," without having to travel miles for them.

TWO of the propositions which will enable San Francisco to avoid New York's costly error are bond issues, one of $2,000,000 for the John McLaren Park in the Mission District, and the other of $950,000 for the Marina and Aquatic Park project in the north end of the city. The third would permit a slight, but urgently needed increase in the amount now authorized for the maintenance of the present park system in a proper state of cultivation and beauty.

Success for No. 58 on the ballot, McLaren Park; for No. 59, the Marina and Aquatic Park; and for No. 33, raising the charter limit of expenditure for park maintenance from 10 to 15 cents, will give San Francisco a system of parks unequaled anywhere in the world.

JOHN McLAREN PARK is a project designed to serve fully the play needs of the great Mission District, the most rapidly growing section of San Francisco. The site selected is central and within easy reach of the huge population of the district. The park will provide on a practically similar scale those facilities for healthful outdoor play which have made Golden Gate Park famed around the world.

The time rapidly is approaching when Golden Gate Park no longer can meet by itself the needs of a great city. The wisdom is clear to provide for our future as well as our present in this respect, while a sufficiently large area can still be had economically.

A second great park, located in the Mission District, for decades has been the dream of John McLaren, beloved veteran park superintendent, to whom the development of Golden Gate Park mainly is due. Mr. McLaren, in the following, tells why property for a large park in the Mission should be purchased by the city:

"At present, the Mission has no adequate 'breathing space,' and there is no area quite so suitable for a park as the one already selected.

"It will provide recreational facilities in the form of football and baseball fields, children's quarters, tennis courts, etc., for three separate and distinct districts—

HERBERT FLEISHHACKER
President of Park Commission

Visitacion Valley, the San Bruno Road District, and the Crocker Amazon District. These parts of the city are being built up very rapidly and open tracts of ground are becoming fewer and more expensive each year."

The completion of Marina and Aquatic Park will give San Francisco a suitable place for the proper and safe development of aquatic sports. Along the many miles of this city's waterfront there is today no proper place for the people to indulge in this form of recreation. The city has already expended $300,000 for necessary lands and the state of California has ceded to the city several blocks of tidelands required for the project.

The proposed bond issue will furnish the necessary funds to buy the additional lands needed for the Marina and will provide for the construction of a great breakwater at the foot of Van Ness Avenue extending one-quarter of a mile into the bay. This would create a circular basin of quiet water 1600 feet in diameter.

The breakwater will be used as a roadway for automobiles and will provide a pedestrian path sixty feet wide. There will be an opportunity for fishing, rowing, swimming, and in fact, all of the aquatic sports. A

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Give the Children More Play Space

By Mrs. Sigmund Stern

MRS. SIGMUND STERN

WHEN I was called to membership in the Playground Commission of San Francisco, nine years ago, by Mayor James Rolph, Jr., I had but a vague idea of the scope of the work before me. It did not take long to determine how vast a field was open for endeavor in this rather new phase of educational development.

The first impression was of inadequate space and funds for the playgrounds for a city of the size and tradition of San Francisco. The budget allowance had been increased yearly until it reached the sum of $300,000. This amount the Supervisors were not able to allow, and the budget was cut to $190,000. This cut handicapped the program seriously, but shortly after this an amendment to the City Charter was voted on favorably by the people, giving a set proportion of the city tax rate to the Playground Commission for its program, and by this act the available funds were almost doubled.

It was about this time that the Playground Commission was fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Josephine Randall, as Superintendent of Recreation. Miss Randall made an intensive survey of the recreational needs of the city, which clearly proved the need for many more, and larger, playgrounds. Planning ahead for the next few years it was found necessary to have a larger amount of money to finance this program. As a result the proposed bond issue, Number 57 on the ballot, for $3,100,000 was settled on by the Board of Supervisors as a proper sum for this work.

The Playground Commission has established the policy of employing the highest type experts available in every phase of its activities. Many of the finest young men in the colleges are working their way, and in employing them, the value of their high ideals of leadership are given the children attending the playgrounds. Many of the young women directors are graduates of our universities and colleges and have been trained in physical education, dramatics and other recreational activities. We try to choose girls who have proven themselves to be leaders, both in physical and spiritual matters, in their own academic groups.

No staff of workers, however efficient, can work without proper tools, and the vailable playgrounds at the present time are inadequate. A large sum of money, such as is provided for in the proposed bond issue, is necessary to supply this demand. There is no other way. I believe that in the minds of some of our citizens, the real function of playgrounds, in the modern sense, is inaccurate. The need of space for children's play is generally accepted, but the need for supervision of the playgrounds may not be so well understood.

The proposed bond issue will provide a program of supervised playgrounds throughout San Francisco and the questions that naturally are asked by voters should be answered decisively.

The supervised playground is not a haphazard vacant lot, given over to children for their own devices, good, bad or indifferent. The playground, in its modern sense, is a continuation of the school system, a department of its own in the educational scheme, and the medium for teaching young America the important lessons, of group play, of sportsmanship, of the protection of property, and above all the proper and profitable use of leisure time, the greatest problem of the modern age.

The supervised playground eliminates the old menace of the vagrant infested park, where children went, sometimes in real danger. The supervised playground eliminates the "gang" idea in its evil sense, and sublimates the inevitable gregarious instinct of the young male into a football or baseball team, or a Boy Scout Troop. The girls find interesting activities under the trained leadership of the directors.

The playgrounds as proposed will add some twenty-nine new sites to the city's playground facilities. Five already established playgrounds will be enlarged.

The larger program, when the funds from the bonds are available, includes forty-one different activities not only play projects for the younger children, but recreational plans for every age from the kindergarten to the adult. None of these activities could exist in a mere empty lot, with no direction.

Even in the matter of unorganized play, the smaller children are always in danger from the rougher play of the older ones, and supervision is necessary and proper to adjust these inevitable problems. The use of the school yards as playgrounds has been suggested, and in some places the use of these grounds after school is being supervised. These are not at all satisfactory, principally on account of the lack of space.

The need for this playground program cannot be too strongly emphasized. San Francisco is growing

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When the "Old Gang" Got Together

How the South of Market Boys, Inc., Came Into Being

PETER R. MALONEY

By

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Corporal of Police

IT WAS a glorious night in the life of South of Marketers! One of those nights when youth commingled with age to talk over the old days. Out in the circle Jack O'Connell laughingly related how the "gang" used to tease terrified Chinamen. Tom Maloney held our attention while narrating the old swimming days in the Channel. Tim Reardon reminded us of the combats on Seventh and Eighth Streets.

"I want to say," broke in the inimitable Andy Gallagher, "you didn't have to be Irish to live among that 'gang.' It was only necessary to agree with them. I remember one day while on the way home from St. Rose's School. A bunch of Folsom Street rowdies grabbed my brand new brown derby, tore it asunder and returned to me only the battered brim."

"That's nothing," interposed Jim Wilson, "I remember the day when the Rincons and the Tehamas were playing THE ball game of the year, on Harmon's lot on First Street. Tom Garrity had slammed out a two-bagger. Mike Doyle was running for the home plate. Just as Mike—".

The remark was unfinished.

Eddie Healy dropped in just then and, in tones sweet and clear, sang "That Old Gang of Mine."

You could have heard a pin drop! Tears welled to the eyes of some of "that old gang of mine" who had not seen each other for thirty or more years. They were thinking, no doubt, of those unpretentious lines of Pat McGee's:

"O, where is the gang of the day that's gone by, a gang without fear, would look death in the eye; who worked and who played in that now hallowed spot, known from far east to west as 'South of the Slot.'"

Such was the prelude of the birth of the South of Market Boys, Incorporated.

I have been asked many times: "How did the South of Market Boys originate?"

The organization came into being fast and furious and beyond my fondest expectations. My one hobby had been to organize a social club, composed of former South of the Slot boys; to perpetuate the memories, traditions and associations of boyhood days. The South of Market Boys notion was visioned by me in May, 1924. I discussed it with my wife, whose girlhood was spent South of Market.

Then I sat down to the task of listing the old-timers. Completed, the roster showed more than 300 names of those who lived in that good old district prior to the rumpus of 1906.

I discussed my plans with my chief—Police Chief Daniel J. O'Brien.

"Such an organization as you have in mind, Corporal," said the Chief, "is admirable. Let me admonish you, however, to keep it free from politics and its success is assured."

By the way, the Chief and his sons, George, the movie actor, and Dan Jr., the attorney, paid the first dues into the organization. The Chief handed me a check for $15, before the dues were established.

I approached my brother, Senator Tom Maloney.

"What think you of the idea of rounding up old South of Market bucks in the corral of sociability?" I asked.

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NOTHING is more important to a city than its health. The chief concern of cities has been to guard the public health. History records that cities have fallen because the authorities failed in this important matter. It may be said that the most important measure on the ballot for the November 6 election is No. 56—the Hospital and Health bonds.

The San Francisco Hospital is asking for $3,500,000 to permit the City to catch up in its health work and to provide for future expansion.

A portion of the bond money will be used for bettering conditions at the Laguna Honda Relief Home. Hundreds of aged and infirm are on the waiting list at Laguna Honda Home, or the Relief Home. Others, who should be in the Relief Home, are occupying much needed beds at the San Francisco Hospital. The bond issue will enlarge the Laguna Honda Home.

CHARLES M. WOLLENBERG

"I am reminded of a widow living with her daughter who was a stenographer and who had been employed for many years by one firm," said Charles M. Wollenberg, whose superintendency of the Laguna Honda Home has brought that institution to a high degree of efficiency.

"The mother developed a cancer. The daughter was able to give her mother the best medical attention for many, many months until finally the daughter's savings were exhausted and the mother's vitality was gone. With the savings gone, it became necessary to find hospital accommodations for the mother. First, to the San Francisco Hospital, where the case was admitted after many weeks of effort, owing to the fact that the hospital is at all times filled to capacity.

"After admission of the mother to the hospital, a diagnosis of the case was made and when it was found impossible to alleviate or effect a cure, she was transferred to the Laguna Honda Home. There she was put in a large ward with thirty other women, the Infirmary of the Home being so constructed that isolation of such cases is impossible. She remained at the Home for about two months when she passed away."

It is to relieve such conditions at the Laguna Honda Home that the voters are asked to give their hearty approval of Measure No. 56 on the November election ballot—the Hospital and Health bonds.

Charles M. Wollenberg, for years superintendent of the Laguna Honda Home, is one of the most efficient health authorities in the country. His duties at the Home are multifarious, yet he finds time to act as a loyal citizen and bears his share of the city's activities. Through his kindly ministrations, hundreds of human derelicts have found their way back to health.

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South City to Stage Stock Show

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Airplane view of the Union Stock Yards, South San Francisco, where the first annual Livestock Show will open November 13

SPONSORED by leading livestock, agricultural and industrial interests of the West, educational in scope and destined to mark a new era in the development of the livestock industry in this territory, the first annual California Livestock and Baby Beef Show will open its doors to the public on November 13, 14 and 15 at the Union Stock Yards, South San Francisco.

Response of the stockmen in general to exhibit their livestock has been gratifying and from all sources has come favorable comment. It can be conservatively stated that about two thousand head of livestock will pass the scrutiny of the judges.

The choicest array of fat stock ever seen in the West will be on display. Individual and carload entries of highly finished livestock not only will interest the producer and feeder, but will enable the consuming public to become familiar with the all too scarce high good, choice, and prime grades of livestock.

The three divisions, cattle, swine, and sheep, will be well represented with highly finished stock of the various breeds. The exhibitors are zealous and competition will be exceptionally keen for the honor of winning the championship ribbons of both individual and carlot classes.

The forthcoming show will have exhibits of prize winning livestock from six of the western states, including Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and California, fitted for exhibition by the most prominent and experienced stockmen in the states represented.

The eye of the stockmen and the general public will be attracted to the Junior Division where entries of the Boys' and Girls' Club work and Smith Hughes projects will be on display.

Hogs, lambs and baby beef, fed, owned and exhibited by the boys and girls themselves, will vie for the championship honors in that division.

The most exciting feature of the show will be the auction sale. Individual and carload entries of all classes will be sold to the highest bidder. Keen competition is expected between the local and out of town buyers who will be in attendance in order that they may buy the choicest of meats for the Christmas trade.

A. W. Thompson, one of the foremost auctioneers in America is coming direct to South San Francisco from officiating at the Omaha Livestock Show and Aksarben Exposition. The junior exhibitors will part with the animals upon which they have lavished so much care the past year.

The committee in charge is making elaborate preparations to take care of the thousands of people expected to visit the show. The California Wool Grow-

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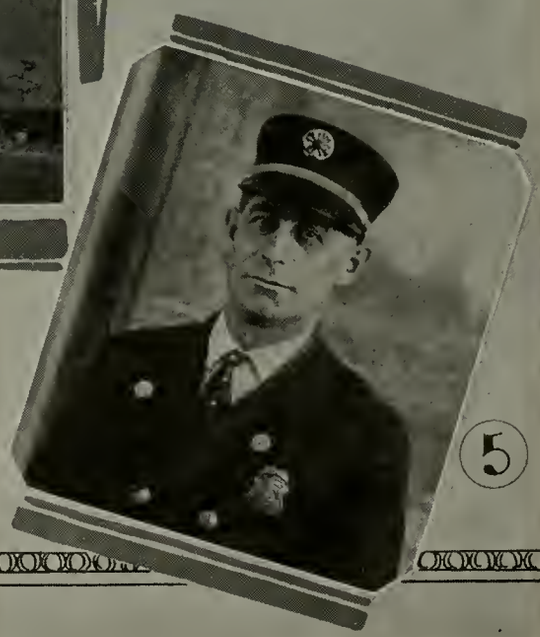

1. Weighty Matters. Chief Costa (center) outlining plans for fire protection to Captain Otto Bisset. Engine 2, and Assistant Chief Adolph Sani
2. Ready For a Run. Officers and men of Engine 2 at ease in front of beautiful new company home.
3. Water Blanket. Engines 1 and 2 undergoing pumping tests.
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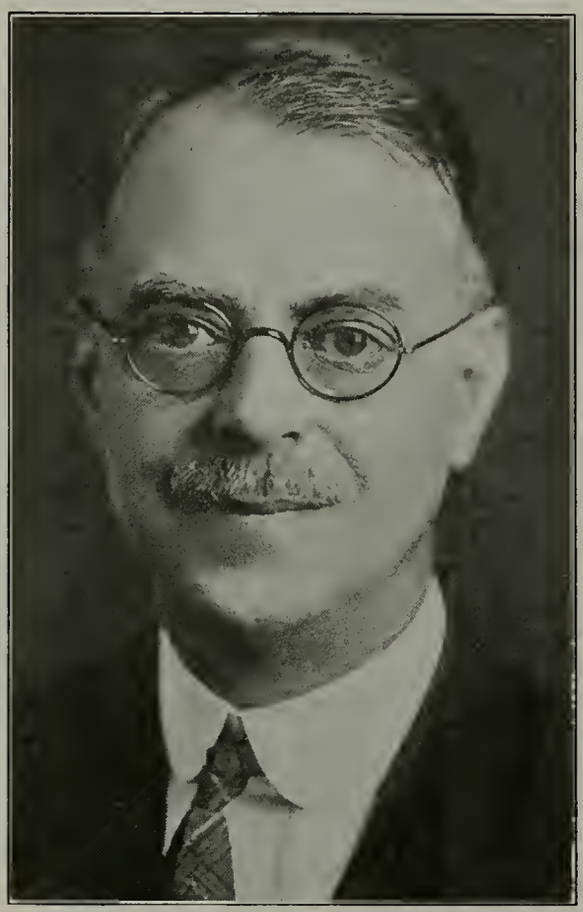
The Crime of Crimes

By PERCY F. GARNETT
Fire Preventionist

ARSON is as old as the world and as young as this morning's newspaper. Just who, and under what circumstances, first employed fire as a weapon, for that, essentially, is what constitutes arson, history does not reveal. The truth, in all likelihood, is that the ugly crime of arson originally showed itself when Mr. Early Settler, coveting some trifling possession of another, in a fit of envious rage proceeded to "burn him out" in order to secure the prize. But however it started, one thing is certain, it began thousands of years ago.

Since then, the ages through, while huts evolved into houses and tribes into nations, and civilization came on apace, willful and malicious burning, far from disappearing, has grown more and more frequent. Along with the lamp of learning the torch of incendiarism has been kept alight, to make a mockery of this same civilization and of man's vaunted progress.

And the end is not yet. In almost any daily newspaper, picked up at random, there can be found an item about a fire in which some such statement as this appears: "The fire was thought to have been of incendiary origin. It is being investigated." That description is typical of hundreds, and they are occurring, not in Nyasaland, but in twentieth-century America!



PERCY F. GARNETT

THERE are, of course, as many motives, all sordid for arson as there are instances of it. Sometimes it is perpetuated to recoup impending financial loss or to avert bankruptcy, by "selling" the property to the insurance company, or, rather, to the insured part of the population, since in the end they pay all such losses. Again, it may be greed which prompts the formation of arson "rings."

Yet there are many other motives: Revenge for real or fancied wrongs; the hope of masking a murder or of covering up a theft; race prejudice; even the mere desire, as in the case of a student at one of the country's leading preparatory schools, for a vacation! All these and others, including insanity in several of its forms, have each led to innumerable criminal fires. Indeed, just shortly before this story was written, twelve young girls domiciled on an Indian reservation in Oregon, were indicted for firing their dormitory because they resented authority.

At all events, during the ten years in which arson activities have been pursued by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, nearly 8000 fires reported as fraudulent or suspicious have been investigated. Of this number the local authorities caused the arrest of 3011 individuals, of whom 1445 were convicted. For these ten years, therefore, about 150 arson convictions were secured yearly or, roughly, an average of one every other day somewhere in America! And these, it must be repeated, were convictions, a verdict not easy, but growing easier to secure. It is probable, in view of the legal and technical difficulties of convicting, that the actual cases of arson have bulked to ten times 1500 in the past decade.

Why is arson so prevalent in America? Why is it that today, with more and more agencies, public and private, ferreting out and bringing to justice the incendiary, the crime remains so common? Why is it that the fire loss today in many lines of business has become a reliable barometer of the condition, sound and profitable or the reverse, of these businesses? The answers appear in part in the motives which lead to the commission of the crime. But they appear only in part. Motives, after all, are but the superficial, the immediate and isolated reasons. The true causes which make arson both relatively easy and highly profitable in America do not lie on the surface. They must be sought, and will be found, in the social and economic structure of the country.

First and foremost, of course, is the state of public opinion. For some reason not entirely plain, the American people persist in winking at the most usual form of arson, which is the fraud fire, the burning of property to obtain the insurance. People do not yet seem to comprehend this simple logic: That when they wink

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An airplane view of W. P. Fuller & Company's South San Francisco factory

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Some South City Industries

The Western Meat Company

FROM a small beginning thirty-five years ago, the Western Meat Company, largest of the California packers, now occupies upon a site of many acres a huge plant valued into the millions of dollars. This plant is located on the Bay at South San Francisco.

Here are prepared for the market each week hundreds of head of choice cattle, calves, lambs, and hogs under United States Federal inspection.

Here are processed the famous Mayrose hams and bacon, Golden Gate lard, Primrose salad oil, Califene, Calinut margarin, and a host of other well-known and established food products.

The volume of the company's business runs well over one million dollars per month. Its products are distributed to the trade throughout the length and breadth of California by means of branch houses, refrigerated car routes, and fast automobile trucks.

The Western Meat Company has been for many years a large exporter of packing house products to the Philippines, the Hawaiian Islands, Mexico, Central and South America.

The Western Meat Company employs a staff of nearly nine hundred people, all of whom are skilled and efficient packing house workers.

Naturally an institution as large as this contributes very materially to the prosperity and stability of this area.

The Virden Packing Company

A FEW short years ago a prominent California business man decided that there was an excellent opportunity for the right man to go into the meat packing business in Northern and Central California. It seemed to him that there was a success to be made and a service to be rendered in entering this business if the products produced were the very best that money and packing science could produce. This man's name was Charles E. Virden and the success of the Virden Packing Company in the years since 1919 has proved that his decision to become a packer of quality products was based upon keen foresight and an understanding of what the housewife would want to serve to her dear ones.

The Virden Packing Company's main plant is located a few miles outside of San Francisco's city limits in South San Francisco. It is a revelation to go through this plant and see just what can be accomplished in the sanitary production of meat and meat products under the present day strict United States Government inspection when the packers really strive to carry out the sanitation regulations laid down by the government bureau. Everyone who has visited the Virden Packing Company's packing plant has said that it is the cleanest meat packing plant they have ever seen.

There are at present only three United States Government Inspected meat packing plants in San Francisco and from these three plants must come all of the meat and meat products for the United States Army posts in Northern California, as well as for that part of the United States Navy that provisions in this port. The United States Government realizes that its soldiers and sailors must be healthy if they are to perform their duties correctly, and for this reason we find them demanding that only the best United States Government Inspected meats are served to the fighting men of the nation.

The Bank of South San Francisco

THIS bank was incorporated June 5, 1905, with an original capital of $50,000.00. The deposits in 1905 were $25,411.76.

The present directors are I. H. Potter, President; H. L. Haaker, Vice-President; S. Lombardi, Vice-President—one of the prominent dairymen of this county; D. W. Ratto, real estate and insurance; E. P. Kauffman, Wells Fargo Express—a very extensive property owner in South San Francisco; T. L. Hickey, Supervisor of this First Township; J. O. Snyder; Andrew Hynding, real estate and insurance, and H. C. Kirk, Vice-President of the American Trust Company.

De Young Memorial Museum

The schedule for the semi-weekly lectures at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park for the month of November is as follows: The fourth, Louis C. Towne will speak on the furniture exhibits; the seventh and eleventh, Miss Helen Gordon Barker will discuss the material in the Oriental gallery. On the fourteenth and eighteenth Mr. Towne will speak in the Nautical gallery. On the twenty-first and twenty-fifth Miss Barker will lecture on the exhibits in the ceramics rooms. And on the twenty-eighth, Mr. Towne will talk with regard to the exhibits of textiles. The lectures, which are free to the public, are given at 2 o'clock on Wednesdays and at 4 o'clock on Sundays.

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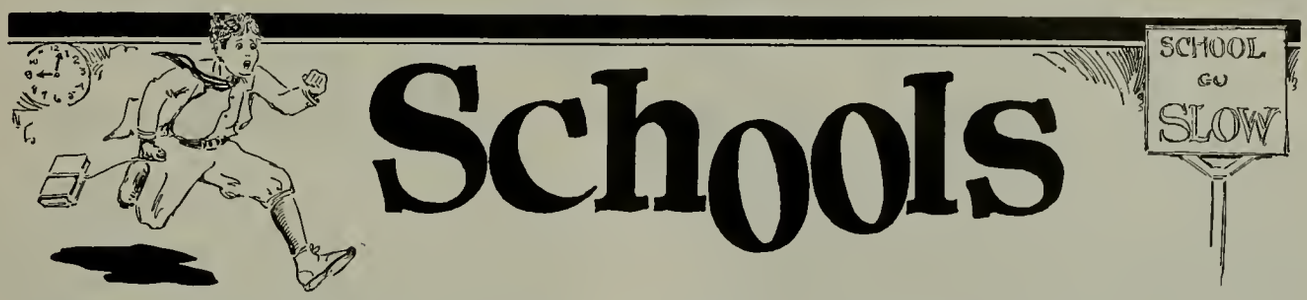

Schools

Board of Education Notes

THE many friends of Mrs. Margaret McInerney, Secretary of the Galileo High School, were deeply grieved to hear of her death on October 17. Through a long illness Mrs. McInerney had fought onward bravely. Her transition marks the close of a good and noble life. To her relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

During the last two months we had the pleasure to have the following stenographers join our already large family, and we extend to them our best wishes for joy in their new work: Candace Striddle, assigned to Lowell High School; Nora L. O'Brien, assigned to Lafayette School; Rose K. Dempsey, assigned to the Bureau of Attendance and Guidance; Emilia L. Nardini, assigned to Mission High School; Edith Patton, assigned to Horace Mann Junior High School; Annette Hurst, assigned to Francisco Junior High School; Phyllis Baccus, assigned to John Muir School.

In leaving the service of the Board of Education we extend to Misses Rita Sicotte, Esther Malinger and Vena Ward our heartiest wishes for success in their newly chosen work. Miss Sicotte, who was associated in the Department of Personnel and who won the admiration of all, is now employed with Mr. Maher in the Civil Service Commission. Miss Ward left Everett Junior High School with sincere well-wishing of the entire faculty and student body, as does Miss Malinger, who left the Horace Mann Junior High. We regret exceedingly the loss of these three girls.

We note the bustle and noise of great activity in the vicinity of Room 281, City Hall. Mr. Robert F. Gray, the newly appointed and genial director of the Department of Service has moved in, bag and baggage, and is starting things. Expectations are great, Mr. Gray.

Mrs. Mary Gray, stenographer, recently of the Secretary's Department, has been transferred to fill a vacancy in the Personnel Department. From the gracious smiles she bestows on all we know she is quite happy.

Mrs. Mary Babin, stenographer, recently was transferred from the Accounting Department to the Everett Junior High School. Good luck, Mary. Hate to lose you from the main office.

The following janitresses have been appointed to permanent positions in the Department and for the time being will do substitute work where needed: Mrs. Ellen O'Neill, Mrs. Evelyn Bosch, Mrs. Catherine Synan, Miss Hannah A. Dunnigan, Miss Edith O'Connor.

Mr. Andrew Ahern, taken from the eligible list of school janitors, has entered the Department of Education and temporarily will take up duties in the Storeroom.

Leaves of absence have been granted to Michael Joyce, janitor of the Golden Gate School; William T. Gessler of the Frank McCoppin School and Mrs. Mary A. Mullen of the Fairmount School, all due to illness. We hope their recovery will be speedy and thorough.

Mrs. Catherine Norton, senior janitress in point of service at the Mission High School, has returned to duty after an extended visit to the Eastern coast. Mrs. Norton also traveled through Ireland, visiting relatives and friends in her native land.

Mr. Louis Leveroni of Monroe School, is to be congratulated upon his recent marriage. We extend to the bride and groom our best wishes for happiness in the lovely new home which has been completed for them in the Excelsior District.

The following changes in personnel have been approved by the Board:

Appointments: Elizabeth Mernin, yard teacher Jefferson School, vice Harriet Fisher, resigned; Evelyn Elster, teacher, to Paul Revere School, subject to probationary period, vice Irene McCauley, transferred; Ida M. Brown, teacher, to the John Swett School, subject to probationary period, vice Mildred Everett, resigned.

Transfers: Bess L. Kinney, teacher in lip reading, Adams School, to Department at Large, vice Delight Rice, resigned; Alice M. Alcorn, from Gough School to Adams School, to replace Miss Kinney; Irene McCauley, Paul Revere School to Emerson School, vice Anna Coleman, granted leave of absence; Augusta Higginson, Le Conte School to Cabrillo School, vice Mrs. Kathryn Roelfs, on leave of absence; Alta LeDuc, Argonne School to Pacific Heights School, vice Florine Hart, on leave of absence.

At a recent dinner and smoker of the Lincoln Grammar School Association, thirteen of the former 200 students who were guests at the affair, attended Lincoln School, sixty-three years ago. All present graduated thirty-five years ago, a pre-requisite to membership this year. Police Chief O'Brien headed the list of twenty-two graduates accepted to membership. Others were: Edward A. Rix, F. W. Ammann, C. I. Berry, W. K. Gutzkow, Webster Jones, M. S. Keller, G. M. Lipman, B. F. Mackall, Colonel Charles J. Mund, G. F. Neal, J. E. Simon, S. C. Symon, J. W. Souther, J. M. Ross, R. H. Swayne, Edward Barry, Sidney Ehrman, Isaac Harris, H. K. Wolff, Dr. A. R. Fritschi and Frank Sykes.

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The Sewer Bonds—An Editorial

DURING each of the last few years, City Engineer O'Shaughnessy has requested from the Board of Supervisors, at budget time, sufficient money to take care of the sewer system, as the growth of the city demanded. His requests approximated $2,000,000 for urgent additions and enlargements of trunk sewers that had been in service for thirty years and more.

During the last five years, the budget appropriations for this necessary work averaged $200,000 per year, or only $1,000,000 for the five-year period, which has resulted in a condition that demands a bond issue to complete needed sewers. For this urgent work, a bond issue (No. 55 on the ballot) for $2,200,000 will be submitted to the voters on November 6.

San Francisco is building miles of boulevards, which will open new districts for the building of homes and the development of industries, on land that has lain idle because of poor transportation facilities. During 1928 and 1929, on main arteries alone, San Francisco will have expended $10,840,000, not including approximately $6,000,000 on secondary streets and in residential districts.

Unless the sewer bonds for $2,200,000 are authorized at the election, the full value of the boulevard program cannot be realized. Large areas adjacent to these broad highways leading to the heart of the city cannot be fully developed unless properly sewered. The sewers provided for in the proposed bond issue are the main outlets to these very districts, a great part of which is zoned for industrial purposes. The improvement of industrial land in San Francisco is vital to the growth of the whole city, because industries provide payrolls, and pay checks are needed to build new homes and maintain shopping districts.

The above is only a glimpse at some of the benefits to undeveloped parts of the city to be derived from adequate sewers. Now let us consider what they mean to districts already highly developed.

The Parkside-Presidio district is flooded during periods of heavy rainfall, the cause of which is lack of a necessary main near Twenty-third Avenue and Geary Street to carry the water away fast enough so that it will not back up and run out of manholes, making streets impassable for hours at a time, and stopping street car and automobile traffic, also flooding stores and basements.

This same condition exists from Bush and Scott Streets along the low streets to Fillmore Street, and along the business district to Fillmore and Turk Streets; then through the Hayes Valley, Civic Center, and the vicinity of Market and McAllister Streets, which will be relieved by the Fillmore Street sewer.

The intersection of Market and Fourteenth Streets, and vicinity, are flooded every year, and as this is a transfer point on both the Municipal and the Market Street Railways, a great many people are inconvenienced, and considerable property damaged. The cause is the same as previously mentioned—the sewer below this area is not large enough to carry the water away.

The sewer estimate for the forthcoming bond issue, follows:

1. Fillmore Street Sewer, from Sutter and Divisadero Streets, through Fillmore Valley and Hayes Valley to Tenth and Harrison Streets	$ 700,000
2. Fourteenth, Market and Fifteenth Streets Sewer, from Fourteenth and Market Streets to Fifteenth and Harrison Streets	300,000
3. College Hill Tunnel, Mission Viaduct to Army Street	350,000
4. Alemany Boulevard Sewer (Islais Creek), in Industrial Street from Revere Avenue to Bay Shore Boulevard, and in Alemany Boulevard from Bay Shore Boulevard to Mission Street	770,000
5. Twenty-third Avenue and Geary Street Sewer, in Geary Street from Twenty-seventh Avenue to Twenty-third Avenue and in Twenty-third Avenue from Geary Street to Lake	80,000
Total	$2,200,000

Vote "YES" on No. 55.

Widows and Orphans benefit by the Firemen's Ball—November 3

The City That Knows How

(An Editorial)

San Francisco leads!

Other cities follow.

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The reason:

Because the vision and the courage and the pride of our people, welded into a force of community spirit that is not equaled anywhere, guarantees the success of any worthy project calculated to enhance the glory and progress of San Francisco.

San Francisco widely is heralded as a city of civic ideas and ideals. Our people are jealous of San Francisco's position as a model of municipal prosperity. We are far ahead of other cities because of the San Francisco spirit. And we are going to stay ahead.

So, why should not San Francisco lead the world in the building of an airport equipped to meet the future demands of commercial aviation?

Who does not know that air transportation is now soaring into one of the biggest and most profitable business enterprises in the field of commerce?

While we are still discussing the science of aviation the business of aviation is upon us!

Thousands of passengers are riding planes through California today. Millions of dollars are being invested daily in the industry. The city that delays building a modern airport soon will be relegated to the limbo of the "one-horse" town.

San Francisco now owns and controls a good airport at Mills Field—recognized among the best of today.

But San Francisco must lead tomorrow as well as today, and forever. If we are to lead in commercial aviation we must immediately get set to develop Mills Field for the limitless benefits that will accrue with the years.

Here's your chance to keep San Francisco in the lead!

On the November ballot will be a proposal for a $1,700,000 bond issue to finance the development of Mills Field to the point where it will be second to no airport in the world. Vote "YES" and rally your friends to do likewise.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously has indorsed the bond issue. All of our labor, civic, business and fraternal organizations solidly are behind the measure. It is sponsored by Supervisors Milo F. Kent, Andrew J. Gallagher and Frank J. McGovern, members of the city's airport committee.

If you are proud of San Francisco's lead in the march of civic progress do not fail to boost for "YES" votes on this opportunity for your city to maintain her lead as—

"The City That Knows How!"

A Careful Cashier

James Wilson, cashier in the County Clerk's office, handles millions of dollars every year. He has never lost a penny of the city's money. During the many years he has handled the receipts that flow daily into the County Clerk's office, Wilson has never accepted a check that proved worthless. That is a record! Wilson is Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He is the first member of the order to be advanced to the highest office through the several chairs in the Grand Parlor.

Thomas Reagan was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners. Reagan served for several years. His son, Thomas F. Reagan, is now a detective sergeant.—(From Twenty-five Years Ago column, October 8, 1903, the San Francisco Chronicle.)

Beyer Works Quietly

JOHN A. BEYER, deputy county clerk, is thoroughly qualified for foreign diplomatic service, say his friends at the City Hall. Beyer, be it known, can keep a secret—chief qualification for diplomatic service. He also is a lawyer.

Beyer recently surprised his friends by announcing calmly: "Well, I passed the bar examination." For three years he had been quietly studying law at night at the Lincoln Law School. He intended to take the bar examination next year when his four years' course would have been completed. At the last moment he decided to take a chance this year. In averages his was among the highest in a class of 600 men and women.

Not even his most intimate friends, except Deputy County Clerk Al Walcott, marriage license bureau, knew what Jack had in mind.

Another honor recently was conferred upon Beyer. Dr. Stork descended upon the Beyer household and presented Mrs. Beyer with a fine baby boy.

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What the Public Reads

By Anne M. Farrell
Head of Fiction Department, Public Library

THE first circulating library is credited to Benjamin Franklin, but the modern public library has undergone a great metamorphosis from the early efforts of the father of the *Saturday Evening Post* to spread knowledge by the circulation of good literature.

Naturally enough, the greatest demand in a public library is for fiction. The great mass of readers come primarily for literature that will provide entertainment, while others read for study and information.

The most popular type of fiction today is the detective story. It is not alone the small boy, eager for mystery and adventure who indulges in the fine art of detecting. The professional man, the business man, the scientist, even the gay collegiate flapper find pleasure in speculating upon the outcome of the adventures of Sherlock Holmes or one of his many rivals.

BOOKS IN DEMAND

Non-fiction

Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism, Shaw, Brentano.
My Life, Duncan, Boni-Liveright.
Strange Interlude, O'Neill, Boni-Liveright.
Safari, Johnson, G. P. Putnam.
Nuda Veritas, Sheridan, T. Butterworth.
Black Majesty, Vandercook, Harper.

Fiction

Spider Boy, Van Vechten, Alfred A. Knopf.
Octavia, Asquith, F. A. Stokes Company.
Swan Song, Galsworthy, Scribner.
Island Within, Lewisohn, Harper.
Tide of Empire, Kyne, Cosmopolitan .
Closed Garden, Green, Harper.

The story of the great outdoors, and particularly that stretch of land conveniently labeled "the West" is the next most popular form of fiction. Zane Grey, B. M. Bower and W. W. Tuttle are typical writers of the best sellers in Western fiction, and are widely read by their many followers.

The sport story has a certain vogue, but the sons and daughters of that worthy couple, Mr. and Mrs. Public, prefer their sports first hand. They will read non-fiction books on baseball, and even a history of the great game of swat, but this only when the Big League series are in process. Comes then the great god, Football, and baseball is left far behind in favor of the heroes of the Grid. During the months of October and November it is almost impossible to obtain a book on football in the library without the "modus operandi" of a reserve card.

The reading of the juvenile patron has undergone a radical change in the last decade. Children of yesterday wept and rallied over the trials and tribulations of young Jackanapes and his pony and the difficulties of the Pepper family and their friends, but the modern exponent of childhood desires a more sophisticated type of literature. The boys prefer the extraordinary adventures of one Tarzan, who is an interesting mixture of wild-man and human, with a dash of jungle thrown in for good measure.

The girls enjoy a love story, but no longer do the simple escapades of the moron-like boarding school girl hold their attention. There must be the hint of a problem, or a barrier to the ultimate "happy ever after" sequence, but the hero may be quite as manly and the heroine just as stunningly beautiful, as when Augusta Evans Wilson penned the sensational "St. Elmo."

The most widely read type of the non-fiction is, of course, the travel books, and it is not uncommon to find a well written book of travel becoming quite as popular, if not more popular, than a best seller in fiction.

Books like "Safari," "Revolt in the Desert" and "White Shadows in the South Sea" are popular immediately, and many of this type of book retain a certain popularity for several years after the initial demand has lessened.

Fads in reading are as frequent and change as often as fads in fashion. One season it may be psychology, then again spiritualism, or Russian literature, or Indian mysticism, or countless other phases that come and go with the same stability as a dandelion in a windstorm.

While certain individuals or groups are holding up their hands in horror at the younger set, or the modern set, or the older set, or whatever particular set claims their attention for the moment, the great mass of humanity is going along, much the same as it has gone these many thousands of years, neither better nor worse than it ever was, but seeking as always its ideals and its idea of perfection. The place of the public library in this scheme of things is to provide for these seekers the type of literature that is best suited for their needs.

For the weary and discouraged it may be a book, light and airy, with little or no thought to trouble the reader's mind, for the student, perhaps a tome of heavy philosophy, for the soul who is tired of the artificialities and froth of life a volume of popular philosophy.

While the human mind seeks for knowledge there is hope for mankind, and if the statistics of public libraries throughout the country are to be believed, people are reading more than ever before. As its part in this spreading of knowledge the San Francisco Public Library circulated two million and a half books last year, and as many more were used in the library for reference.

Library Notes

Mrs. Isabelle Morgan, desk assistant, will sail for Hawaii on November 7, to join her husband. Mrs. Morgan intends to stay in the islands for at least three years, and will be missed by her many friends and co-workers.

Miss Mary Murphy, head of the order department, spent an interesting week-end at Los Banos, and had the unique experience, at least to Northern Californians, to watch cotton picked and ginned at one of the experimental ranches.

The able direction of Miss Pauline Roy, head of the juvenile department, was again apparent in the play given by the children of Funston Playground by courtesy of the San Francisco Playground Commission. The play was "Boots Fools the King," and was attended by an enthusiastic audience.

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Play-grounds

By Veda Beresford Young
Secretary, Playground Commission

VOTE "Yes" on No. 57 on election day, November 6, and you will provide more playgrounds and assure greater health, safety and happiness for the children of San Francisco.

The Playground Commission is urging every voter to fulfill his civic duty on election day, and not to overlook voting "Yes" on the Playground Bond Issue No. 57. At the Annual California Food and Household Exposition, October 20 to 27 inclusive, the playground exhibit stressed the great need for more playgrounds in contrast to the busy streets which are the only playgrounds for many children throughout the city. When one realizes that twenty children were killed in San Francisco by automobiles, in 1927, and this year up to October 1, eighteen youthful lives were blotted out, a solution is readily sought. While more playgrounds will not entirely eliminate the loss of lives, still it is reasonable to believe they will minimize the number.

Lively folk dances were performed by the playground children from Margaret S. Hayward, James Lick, Jackson and Excelsior Playgrounds at the Civic Auditorium on Saturday, October 27, to lend variety to the afternoon performance arranged by Mr. Anthony A. Tremp, general manager of the Food and Household Exposition, and to further interest people in the many-sided program of the San Francisco Playground Commission.

A new and unique ground has just been added to the chain of playgrounds throughout the city. It is the Douglass Playground located at Twenty-sixth and Douglass Streets. It was fittingly dedicated on Sunday, October 27. This playground, which has been hewn out of a rocky, hilly slope, is nestled in a secluded section and commands a striking view of our beautiful, busy and famous city lying many hundreds of feet below. Although the location of this playground is unique, it will serve a great need for the hundreds of children and people living in the immediate vicinity.

The biggest pageantry event of the playground department for this year, will be held in the Civic Auditorium on November 2, at 8:00 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend this Fall Festival. Admission is free. A most interesting program has been prepared and you will delight with the playground children in seeing the wind fairies, the scarecrows, leaves, brownies, tumbleweeds and hundreds of other participants perform their dances amid an appropriate setting of pumpkins, hay, corn stalks and a typical farm setting.

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NOVEMBER 3 is the most important date this year in affairs of the San Francisco Fire Department. It is the night of the Firemen's Ball—the eighteenth annual affair. The ball is given for the benefit of the Firemen's Widows' and Orphans' Fund — purely a philanthropic purpose.

At the conclusion of the grand march, Lieutenant Daniel Desmond of Engine 3 will be presented with one of the highest awards for valor within the gift of the Fire Department — the Raphael Weill-Sullivan medal. The beautiful insignia will be presented in recognition of Lieutenant Desmond's valorous conduct at a fire the night of January 31, last, when he rescued from burning to death a woman who was entrapped by flames in a fire in a flat. The presentation will be made by Mayor Rolph.

The ball will be held at the Auditorium. The time: 8 P. M.

LIEUTENANT KEARNEY of Engine 5, better known as the "affable little man," is getting considerable practice palming coins, with Brother John Woodman as an audience. Blame it on him, John.

Reid, the star center fielder of Engine 16, has finally purchased a bicycle. Vin has admitted that Lieutenant Pengel is a fair country hitter. On the other hand, we heard that the Dutchman was warming the bench.

Tommy Pepper, Lincoln Beachy's former mechanic, is still with the soda wagon at Chemical 10. He was seen at Mills Field recently looking over the crates, and will be doing his stuff soon, tailspins included, just like he did over there. Where?

Well, is the human race returning to the primitive? The first step downward was exhibited by Bill Freeland of Engine 17. It seems that one of Bill's nephews came all the way from San Jose on roller skates to pay him a visit. Now Bill states that he is going to enter a marathon dancing contest and dance all the way to San Jose to return the visit.

Talk about your characters in a fighter's gym. Come down to Mint Avenue and see some. One can see our genial friend Captain Syce swinging a theoretical golf club. Johnny Doherty in another corner practicing waltzing for the girl friend. Little Johnny Mills has caught the fever and can be found in another room giving an imaginary microphone a verbal beating.

Lieutenant Phil Murphy of Engine 42 is happy and contented with the wide, wide world, and just can't find a reason to complain.

Howe of Engine 7, better known as the chisel and hammer expert, has added new laurels to his name. For years Callaghan has been the king of the knife and fork artists of the company, but at a recent dinner he had to take his hat off to Tom, who pulled a fourth on some of Barney's famous corned beef and cabbage.

Any member of the department seeking information relative to the care and handling of babies can be provided with same by calling on Vierhus of Truck 2.

Van Winsen of Engine 33 was seen sporting a new Dodge lately on the highway, but the boys of the company have not heard a thing about it.

A Model Eating Place

THE Board of Health, seeking models of perfection in equipment and the acme of cleanliness in handling foodstuffs, selected Compton's cafeterias as one of those models in San Francisco.

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One of Compton's model eating houses, famed from Coast to Coast for service and quality at reasonable rates

place at 144 Ellis Street was opened. It is conducted along the same high class lines as the Kearny Street Compton's.

Until a year ago Eugene Compton was associated with Charles Compton in operating the two cafeterias. He retired from that business to establish Eugene Compton's at 45 Powell Street, having inaugurated the same policy of "quality service" in vogue at the other Compton's. On October 1 Eugene Compton merged his business with that of the Compton's and is general manager of the three places now known as Eugene Compton's Corporation. The three places of business have approximate seating capacity of 800 persons and are the most popular eating places in San Francisco.

Cleanliness is the watchword at Compton's, whose patrons refer to their culinary products as "The Food You Like."

Boost for the Firemen's Ball—Auditorium, November 3

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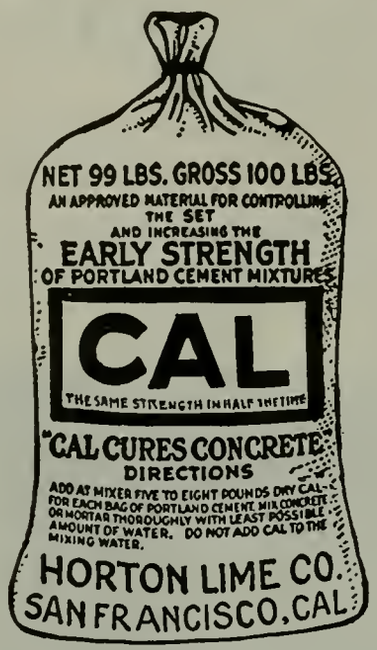
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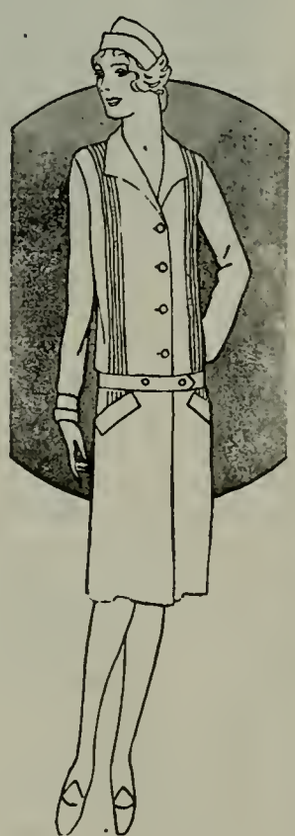

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OFFICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By William T. Bonsor

EMPLOYEES of the City and County of San Francisco are particularly interested in Charter Amendment No. 39, which provides that the City pay the premiums on surety bonds, furnished by employees. At present employees must pay the premiums on all bonds exacted by the various departments. This Association which has been seeking this relief sponsored the Amendment and its passage should be assured with the proper effort, because it is a piece of just legislation.

Employees of the Spring Valley Water Company, soon to be in the employ of the City, are becoming interested in this Association because of its purposes and the results that have been attained for City Workers in the way of salary advances during the past years. We have received many inquiries regarding our work and the method of attaining membership from the employees of this utility. Several have sent in their applications for membership and it seems that all of the clerical and semi-clerical employees will have become members before the system actually is taken over by the City. The fact that we have placed in the Public Utility Commission amendment a provision that salaries paid the employees of any utility under City management shall be not less than that which is paid in the other City Departments for similar work, has met with favor with Spring Valley employees who will profit thereby. Our minimum wage in all City Departments is set, practically speaking, at $200.00 per month.

In answer to inquiries of Spring Valley employees we wish to state that all applications may be sent to the writer, who is Secretary of the Association, at the Labor Temple, 2940 Sixteenth Street. Our meettings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 p. m., at that address. The entrance fee is $3.00 which includes the first month's dues. Dues thereafter are $1.00 per month. Write us at your earliest convenience.

Our organizing committee has been doing excellent work and is meeting with great success in rounding up the straggling few City office workers who have permitted their dues to become delinquent. The committee reports that reinstatements will be complete within the present month. We are securing the applications of new employees as they fill vacanies created by retirement, etc.

Our women members are discussing plans for an entertainment and general get-together social evening in the near future. The committee is composed of Mary Maude Murphy, Cecilia Goodwin, Julia Fay, Camelia Rosette, Emma Flover, Laura Andrew, Gladys Pollock, Gertrude Fay, Mabel Box and Sarah Hagan.

Salary standardization and classification is still in the hands of the Civil Service committee of the Board of Supervisors of which Supervisor Jesse C. Colman is chairman and Supervisors Franck R. Havenner and Sylvester Andriano are members. Charter amendments and other pressing City business seem to be holding this at a standstill for the time being. We are keeping in touch with the situation and will strive to protect the interests of our members when the matter is again given attention. We will insist that wage adjustment be given early consideration, as we feel it has been postponed too long.

Our Association stands for salary standards comparable with duties and economic conditions. Charter Amendment No. 27 provides that the salaries of Supervisors be placed at $400.00 per month. This is a meritorious amendment and has the support of our membership. We strongly urge that each and every member work and vote for its adoption by the people on November 6. These officials are human; they appreciate and deserve a salary advance as well as our members who are continually seeking wage increases. The dignity of the position as well as the amount of work and responsibility connected with the duties of a Supervisor warrants the increase. Vote "YES" on No. 27.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater, Jr.

OUR annual banquet will be held at 7 o'clock, Saturday evening, November 10, at the Elks' Club. An excellent program and a high-class dinner is promised by the entertainment committee, headed by Ray Grier. Let's make this event a real gathering of the engineering fraternity by keeping the date open and attending. You will not regret it.

Coughlan and party did considerable preliminary survey work on the Bernal Cut, so Jerry went back on the same job and set the slope stakes, etc.

Manelli is the unlucky fellow of Room 354. Previous to the world series a pool was formed in which Caesar drew a combination for the Yanks to win the first four games. He said the ticket would not win, so sold it for 25 cents to Jim Owens, who, shortly after, sold it to Stern for 30 cents. The result of the series is history and Stern is chuckling up his sleeve.

Sharing the lucky honors with Stern was John Hanson, who purchased the "impossible" ticket of the second pool for 25 cents.

Abrahamson drove to British Columbia on his vacation. Al had a fine trip, but stated the soda pop up there does not compare with our local orange juice.

After vacationing in the South with his family, Owens returned to work, but soon after was taken down with an attack of influenza which kept him in bed for a week. On returning to work his appearance showed a loss of a pound or two in weight, something Rube cannot afford to lose.

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By Martha Adams
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SHORTENED days, school lunches and fall clothes, signs that summer has passed and a whole host of new home-making problems is upon us to keep us alert and maintain our interest in the ever-varying round of planning for the family's comfort and well-being.

Meals take on a new interest. No longer do languid tastes have to be coaxed by light fare and tinkling drinks. Lusty fall appetites demand hearty meals and are apt to pass over as superfluous the salad course which the up-to-date student of meal planning still insists shall appear daily on the family table.

For the home-maker of educated conscience counts the day lost when she cannot work a salad into her menu, whatever the temperature. The salad plants, with their precious cargo of mineral and the vitamins so plentiful in leafy vegetables, are about the only foods we take raw, outside of fruits. And in the uncooked form, we get the full value of these life-giving elements, as well as the roughage so necessary to counterbalance the soft foods in our diet.

Fall weather demands salads that glow with color and pique the appetite. Garnishes may become more solid now and instead of lighter dressings, the home-maker turns to the nourishing and substantial Best Foods Mayonnaise, to help provide heat and energy for work or play. For a note of color in the dressing itself, she can vary her salad by serving on it Best Foods Thousand Island Dressing, which combines so happily with many autumn salads or the snap of Best Foods Relish Spred will make a real salad out of ingredients of neutral flavor. No more hours in the kitchen mixing dressing for the modern administrator of the home. With Best Foods Dressings at hand, finer than she could possibly make herself, and such a wealth of salad material to choose from, it is not difficult or time-consuming to get variety and devise a hundred colorful and satisfying new salads, each designed especially for autumn consumption.

For the red note in the salad, there are tomatoes, beets and red peppers. The green of the salad plants themselves is supplemented by peas, beans, green peppers; or green grapes or plums for fruit salads. For white comes celery hearts, tiny onions, potatoes, cottage cheese or luscious pears and crunchy apples, grapefruit and white grapes. Carrots, corn and yellow tomatoes contribute their touch to the sunshine salad; or pineapple, orange and banana carry out the color scheme in delicious fruit combinations.

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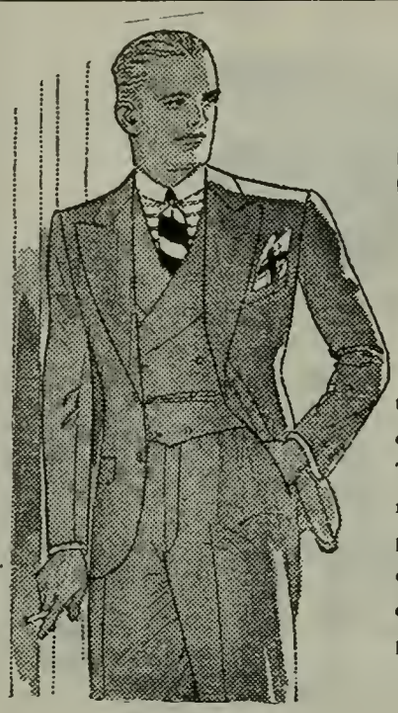

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Employees Retirement System

By John W. Rogers

CHARTER Amendment No. 37 on the ballot for the November election, is sponsored by the Board of Administration of the San Francisco City Employees' Retirement System.

JOHN W. ROGERS

The proposed amendment makes for no drastic changes in the law. Its only purpose is to improve and simplify the present law. It does not change the fundamental basis of the law or the scientific basis of the Retirement System which has been operating successfully for more than six years.

If the amendment is adopted by the electorate it will:

1. Clarify the language of Article XVII of the Charter under which the Retirement System was established in 1922.

2. Simplify the administration of the Retirement System so established.

3. Remove the arbitrary limitation on rates of contribution at certain ages, as now outlined in the Charter.

Certain provisions of the law as it now stands on the Charter are impractical and without reason. One provision requires certain members to fix twenty-nine years in advance the date of their retirement from duty. It is an absurdity to expect one to foresee his circumstances twenty-nine years in the future and to commit himself now to a definite course of action.

Another provision requires members to be forty years old before they can make additional contributions from their own money. It is absurd to limit on the basis of age the right of members to make additional contributions, particularly since these additional contributions place no financial burden of any kind on the city. Both these provisions will be eliminated in Amendment No. 37.

Proposed Amendment No. 37 is endorsed by all leading civic, commercial and labor organizations, including the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Bureau of Governmental Research, the Downtown Association, the Civic League of Improvement Clubs' Association, the San Francisco Labor Council, the Building Trades Council and the Lafayette Club.

Vote "YES" on Charter Amendment No. 37.

Armistice Day Fund

The Board of Supervisors on October 8 sanctioned an appropriation of $4500 to be drawn from the public welfare fund to finance the citizens' committee in its three-day celebration of Armistice Day this year.

A Busy Civil Service Coach

MRS. MABEL H. BOX, for the last eight years a deputy in the office of Tax Collector Edward F. Bryant, has been receiving the congratulations of her host of friends on the success of the men in her coaching classes for the recent civil service examinations for policemen. In three classes she had seventeen successful entrants in the first thirty; thirty-five in first fifty and seventy-three in the first 100. The figures, taken from her enrollment book, are authentic.

MRS. MABEL H. BOX
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Mrs. Box graduated from the State Normal School at San Jose and is the only graduate teacher who is coaching applicants for civil service positions in San Francisco. She started her first classes eight years ago and since has coached hundreds of applicants who successfully passed subsequent examinations. Her coaching covers every department of classified civil service. At present, Mrs. Box is coaching a class of more than 200 men who hope to become motormen and conductors for the Municipal Railway. Aside from that, she also is coaching a class of forty-five future health (food, market and industrial) inspectors.

Give the Children

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rapidly and the best type people will always consider the welfare of their children before settling in a community or a neighborhood. We should act now, for the available sites are disappearing and will soon be prohibitive both as to price and location. Property in outlying districts is not expensive now, but that will not be the case in the near future. The bonds will provide money to be used, 80 per cent for land, and about 20 per cent for development. The chosen sites are in every district of the city, and have been selected for their location and availability for the children of the neighborhood.

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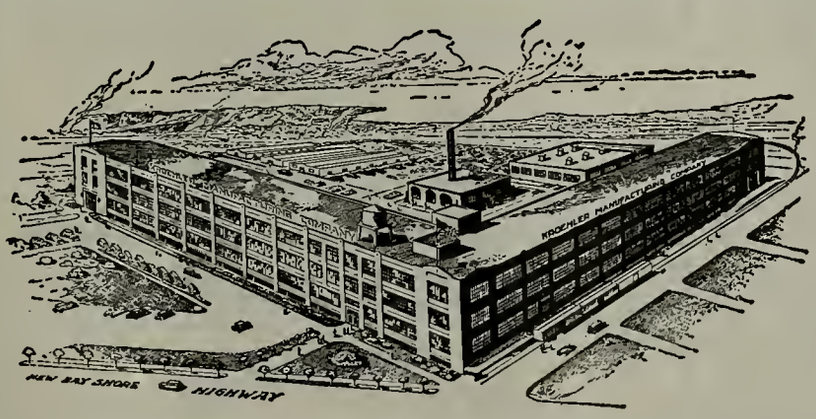

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By Walter J. Martenson

JACK SPAULDING ON THE JOB

UNDERSHERIFF JACK SPAULDING, originator of the East-West football game for the benefit of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, is to be City Hall custodian of tickets this year. Jack will handle tickets for all the municipal departments of the city government, through the Sheriff's office. The game is to be held at the new Kezar Stadium, December 29. Tickets are $1, $3 and $5. There will be no tax. Tickets are now on sale at Room 333, City Hall. Send your checks to Jack Spaulding. Let's get in and give Jack the best year that we ever had—let's swell the fund for crippled children.

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THE report of proceedings of the Convention of Sheriffs, Undersheriffs and Civil Deputies' Association, held in San Francisco June 8 and 9, is just off the press. The report is nicely bound, printed on the best grade of paper, and is a creditable document. It opens with a very appropriate foreword by Secretary-Treasurer H. R. Youngblood, Undersheriff of San Joaquin County. Then comes a very interesting article by our own Sheriff, William J. Fitzgerald, entitled "Many Problems to be Met." This is followed by an article by our Undersheriff, E. J. Spaulding, entitled "High Lights of the Convention," that is truly a literary gem.

The remainder of the report contains a record of the actual proceedings of the convention. Suffice it the remarks and exchanges of ideas of the members contained therein show that they know their business. The Association is surely serving its purpose, which, in the words of H. R. Youngblood, Secretary-Treasurer, is "To afford an opportunity for those working in the Civil Departments of the Sheriff's offices to have the contact with and cooperation of others engaged in similar work; to disseminate knowledge of the law; to apprise its members of changes thereof; to endeavor to standardize the application of the law; to compare procedures followed and results obtained; and generally to improve the service and increase the efficiency wherever possible."

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Our genial, rotund, Willie Carr, "Pride of the Potrero," is perturbed these days by reason of the strenuous work in the office. He is not able to attend to his social and business duties as in the days of yore. Since taking up his summer residence in Deer Park, Marin County, he has become a member of the Improvement Association of that district and from what is heard around he is endeavoring to fashion and have constructed there a miniature of the San Francisco Civic Center. You will hear more of this anon.

Dennis O'Neill has been placed in charge of Jail No. 2 since his certification by the Civil Service Commission, relieving Denny Hansen, who will take charge of Jail No. 2. Both of these men are experienced in jail work.

Likeable Jimmie Reardon, authority on mental cases, was in charge of a party of nine persons recently committed to the State Hospital at Pomona, California. He was able, on this trip, to witness the football game between his alma mater, St. Mary's, and the University of Southern California.

The only rival of Gene Tunney is Carlton E. (Doc) Scott, the famous pedestrian of the Sheriff's office. He has not taken his vacation yet and is contemplating a hike through California. Willie Wolff does not believe he will get any further than East Fourteenth Street, Oakland.

The Elks, it is stated, are going to put on a show called "Silver King." Harry Spring, by reason of the silver-like hue his hair has attained lately, has been chosen for the leading role. Harry attributes the present condition of his hair to early piety.

Jack Whelan is pepped up since his return from Richardson Springs. Several members of the office spent their vacations there. What is the attraction? Is it the water?

"Silent" M. Keammerling has returned from a sojourn in the South. Since his return he has been the recipient of many letters from different hotels. We do not know whether he silently stole away in the darkness of the night, but he is doing a lot of explaining lately, and you know how he can explain.

Wee Willie Gehrels (Spider), formerly of the Bay District track, was to ride in the opening handicap at Tanforan, but was disqualified on account of overweight around the waist-line.

Johnnie Bowen (you know what I mean) does not believe Tommie Barrett's contention that Ed Bull is a relative of "Bull Durham."

Charlie Radebold, he of the scholarly bearing, is soon to give a lecture on the Fifth Dimension.

Frank (Napoleon) Burke, star of Pinafore in the days before the fire, has turned down an offer to sing over the radio. He is utilizing his spare time as a coach for the Relief Home nine. In Frank's early days, he was a great exponent of the sneeze ball.

Wins New Suit

Eddie Hallinan, former Seals infielder, has a new suit of clothes. He won it betting on the world series. Hallinan, deputy county clerk in the probate department, is as interested in baseball today as he was years ago when he clouted out home runs for the Seals. In the recent world series Hallinan picked the Yankees to win. That they won four straight games indicates that Hallinan hasn't lost his ability to pick winners. He hopes his wagers on the Presidential election will be as astute.

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SUPERVISOR WILLIAM P. STANTON, in addition to being one of the most popular and efficient officials of San Francisco, also has the distinction of having led a diversified life.

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WILLIAM P. STANTON

Mr. Stanton was born on top of Telegraph Hill fifty-two years ago. He cut his teeth on an anchor and at any early age decided the sea was the life for him. While still a boy he obtained a boat and rowed out to ships to ferry officers and crews from ships of the nation to the friendly shores of San Francisco.

For years he plied that trade, but abandoned it when sailing craft went out of vogue and ships anchored at the docks.

Then the present Supervisor decided to be an electrician. He became one and soon was recognized as one of the outstanding electrical experts of the state.

Always in sympathy with the principles of Unionism, Mr. Stanton joined the Electrical Workers' Union when it was an infant organization. For the last twelve years he has been president of Electrical Workers No. 151—which he helped to organize.

Three times Mr. Stanton has been honored with the presidency of the San Francisco Labor Council. At the recent convention of the State Federation of Labor at Sacramento he was chosen by acclamation as the organization's president, the highest honor that Organized Labor in California can bestow.

Three years ago the voters of San Francisco expressed their confidence in William P. Stanton by electing him a member of the Board of Supervisors. He received a flattering vote. As a Supervisor he has put the same business acumen and energy into the city's business that made him successful as a private citizen. He believes in the eight-hour day—for everybody else—but he works, at times, twenty-four hours a day for the city. He does the same for his Union.

Mr. Stanton is chairman of the Street and Lighting Committee of the Board of Supervisors and is a member of the Public Utilities and the Supplies Committees.

Baseball is his hobby. Years ago he was one of San Francisco's crack amateur players. It is no infrequent sight on Sundays to see Supervisor Stanton, official dignity aside, playing baseball in Golden Gate Park.

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Some Notes On the Recent Convention of Superintendents

By A. J. Cloud
Chief Deputy Superintendent, San Francisco Schools

A. J. CLOUD
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AMID beautiful surroundings at Del Monte, the annual convention of County, City and District Superintendents of Schools was held during the first week of October, upon call of William John Cooper, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The program of the convention was well conceived and well executed. It fell into two main divisions: general meetings and group meetings.

The general meetings, in summary, were given over to discussion of three major issues: (1) Constitutional amendment (Number 6 on the ballot) providing for reorganization of the State Department of Education, and such statutory enactments as should logically follow upon adoption of the amendment; (2) changes in the teacher-tenure act; and (3) the so-called county unit plan.

Briefly, in relation to these three major issues:

(1) The convention showed a strong and unified spirit in support of the reorganization plan. (2) It held that it would be wiser to maintain the tenure act in its present form, if possible, than to suggest radical modifications. (3) It was divided upon problems arising in relation to the county unit plan. Professor E. P. Cubberley of Stanford and Professor L. M. Peterson of the University of California ably presented the argument in favor of the proposal, urging the need of furnishing to rural school children such educational advantages as are enjoyed by city school children. But a number of superintendents, however, led by Superintendent David E. Martin of Alameda County, believed that the plan presented was too drastic and that it should be redrafted in important respects before being submitted to the Legislature.

Aside from the discussion at general sessions, group meetings were held, in which the range and variety of matters dealt with certainly would be astounding to the layman, and even to any teacher whose perspective does not reach beyond the four walls of her classroom. To give an indication of this range and variety, I may present a partial list: The County Purchasing Act in Operation; Administrative Interpretation of City School Statistics; Financing School Buildings; Providing Junior High School Opportunities Under the Overlapping District Organization; the Teacher Tenure Situation; How Can the Parent-Teacher Association Help the Rural Child?; Handling Supplementary Textbooks in Two California Counties; Is There Need for an Association of College and Secondary School in the Pacific Southwest?; Experiments in Adult Education in Europe; A Folk High School in California; Adult Education in a Metropolitan Area; The Open Forum in an Evening High School; The Community Theatre in the Public Evening School; Adult Education and the Arts; What Shall Be the Larger Units of School Administration?; What Should a City Superintendent Expect of a Research Department?; Development of Courses of Study.

When it is understood that, upon each one of these topics, in the majority of instances, three or four well prepared and widely experienced school executives talked, and that frequently round table discussion ensued, it will be realized that the interchange of ideas must inevitably react to the advantage of the children of the state.

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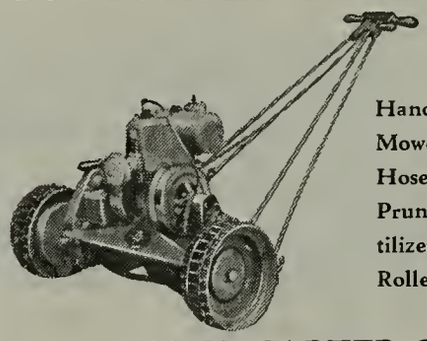

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Corporal Maloney, author of this article, is one of a family of nine boys and nine girls. At six he fell in the Channel while crab fishing and right then learned to swim. At seven he competed in bay swimming races. At eleven, to give the family a "lift," he scaled ship's boilers for $130 a month. He joined the police department October 9, 1916. One of his "beats" included the old Five-Mile house, rendezvous of the notorious "Forty Thieves." From 1924 to 1926 he was assistant althletic instructor for police. Later he was transferred to Police Chief O'Brien's office where he plays the part of human encyclopedia to the public. He is one of the best-liked men in the department.—THE EDITOR.

When the "Old Gang"

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Tom smiled and said: "The thought is great—go to it; I'm with you."

I was filled with encouragement. As full of courage as was Jim Wilson the day he learned to swim off Campbell's Ark at the foot of Japan Street.

After that talk with Brother Tom, I spread the South of Market gospel like Billy Sunday preaching to a flock of renegades.

I met up with Percy Goldstein, an official of the Great Western Power Company; Jack Quinn, head salesman for the Alex Dulfer Printing Company; Police Captain William J. Quinn; Mike Doyle, Superintendent of County Jail 1—and one of the most affable fellows on earth—Albert S. Samuels, the jeweler; Johnny Whelan, former Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, and others. A get-together "old gang" organization made a hit with them and later each rendered me invaluable assistance.

One thing in my pre-organization plans was not overlooked; publicity for my dream child. I got in touch with the newspaper boys on the Police detail and sold them my idea.

"Shoot when you are ready, Corporal," came from all of them. Right then I saw my dream blossoming into reality. What those newspaper boys did for the organization of the South of Market Boys was, in the vernacular of the street urchin, "nobody's business."

I quit paddling the South of Market canoe alone. I called an organization meeting. There came Albert Samuels, Jack Quinn, who gave the organization its name; Mike Doyle, Brother Tom Maloney, Percy Goldstein, Tom Cribben (Adonis of Truck 1); Assistant Fire Chief Tom Murphy, Johnny Whelan, and Jim Smith. Those wonderful scouts of the old days formed the organization's personnel. Surely my boat of anticipation had anchored in the port of reality.

Then came the publicity. The newspapers announced organization of the South of Market Boys, Incorporated. Believe me, the story went over big.

Four days later I received approximately 1000 letters from men who were born South of Market, those who had resided there at some time and others who informed me they wished they had been born "South of the Slot."

Things were going fine. Our next step was to choose a set of permanent officers. Chosen in October, 1924, they follow: President, Thomas P. Garrity, (and he's still on the job); First Vice-President, Albert S. Samuels; Second Vice-President, Thomas A. Maloney;

Third Vice-President, James Smith; Treasurer, John F. Quinn; Financial Secretary, Peter R. Maloney; Recording Secretary, William A. Granfield; Auditor, Walter L. Birdsall; Sergeant-at-Arms, Percy I. Goldstein; Board of Directors, John J. Whelan, Michael Doyle, Thomas Cribben, Thomas J. Murphy, John A. O'Connell, Major Charles Kendrick, Timothy A. Reardon, William Lynch and Dr. William A. Blanck. Most of those named still hold office and zealously have labored for the success of the organization.

Our first official meeting never will be forgotten. It was held the night of November 11, 1924, in Room 308, Call Building. President Tom Garrity weilded the gavel and looked into the faces of 127 "baby" members of the South of Marketers.

Some of those who attended that meeting—members of the "old gang" who kept us in paroxysms of laughter while recounting boyhood days South of Market, were: Superior Judge Thomas F. Graham, Tom Healy, chairman of our membership committee, Police Captain Peter H. McGee, Police Sergeant Patrick McGee, Supervisor James B. McSheehy, former Postmaster James E. Power, Timothy Reardon, Senator Thomas A. Maloney, Michael Doyle, Police Captain William Healy, Percy Goldstein, John A. O'Connell, Eddie Healy, of course, William A. Granfield, Jim Smith, Bill Tierney, Jack Tierney, James Wilson, present Grand President Native Sons of the Golden West, and Captain William J. Quinn.

After that meeting we grew with amazing rapidity. In December, 1924, we met in Moose Hall. The organization had then a membership of 500. Moose Hall became too small to hold the "old gang." We moved to Knights of Columbus Hall, where present meetings are held. Since that memorable night when our first get-together meeting was held, we have acquired a membership of more than 2500.

Nearly every department in the City Government is represented in our organization. The membership includes:

Judge Harold Louderback (former Superior Judge and now a member of the Federal judiciary); Superior Judges John J. Van Nostrand, Thomas F. Graham, Timothy I. Fitzpatrick, James Conlan, Patrick Parker, James M. Troutt, Walter Perry Johnson; Mayor James Rolph Jr.; Timothy A. Reardon, president of the Board of Public Works; Treasurer John H. Thieler; Tax Collector Edward F. Bryant; Assessor Russell L. Wolden; County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy; Supervisors James B. McSheehy, Cornelius J. Deasy, Milo F. Kent, Andrew J. Gallagher, Jesse C. Colman, J. Emmet Hayden, Fred Suhr, Warren Shannon, Dr. J. M. Toner.

Public Defender Frank J. Egan, Coroner Thomas B. W. Leland; Sheriff William J. Fitzgerald; District Attorney Matthew Brady; Police Judges Joseph M. Golden, Daniel S. O'Brien, Justices of the Peace Frank Dunne, Cornelius Kelly, Thomas F. Prendergast; Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien; First Assistant Fire Chief Thomas J. Murphy; Dr. Arthur A. O'Neill, Board of Health; Charles J. Collins, Department of Elections.

Ours is only a sentimental organization. We care not for profit or gain. We are a get-together association whose purpose it is to perpetuate the "old gang" days; to give our members an opportunity once more to visualize themselves as kids—old-time South of Marketers—those whose boyhood days were replete alternately with sunshine and shadow, but mostly with God's great sunshine.

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Les Gillen, Newspaper Man, Joins Legal Fraternity

WHEN Edward R. Bohner became Department of Justice Chief in San Francisco, to a group of reporters he averred: "Newspaper men excel as detectives; others of the craft become expert lawyers."

LESLIE C. GILLEN

Les Gillen has been the former; undoubtedly he will become the latter.

A diploma from Law School and a license granted October 4 by the State Supreme Court names him as Leslie Connelly Gillen. To a legion of friends who predict his future success, he is plain Les Gillen.

Les plunged into the newspaper game about thirteen years ago, first on the Daily News, where he became Labor editor and subsequently police reporter at the Hall of Justice. Later he shifted to the Chronicle where, for a year, he was night city editor.

During the late European debacle Les hunted up Uncle Sam and later was berthed in a training camp. Germany evidently heard about him, because the day Les received his commission the Armistice was signed.

Home from camp, Les rejoined the Chronicle staff. He was assigned to the police "beat." Then came a desire to study law. Imagine a newspaper man who works long and weary shifts devoting his leisure to study. Les did it. Between his newspaper-law school hours he successfully dodged bullets while accompanying police in two gun battles with desperadoes. He was presented a gold star that designated him a life member of the San Francisco police force.

After he worked on such stories as the Preparedness Day bomb explosion, the Mooney trial, the Howard Street gangster cases, the Roscoe Arbuckle case, the Hightower case, the Coburn, Wilkins and the Dorothy Ellingson murder cases, he was transferred to the Superior Courts detail at City Hall. Modestly, Les said the change gave him an opportunity to learn civil procedure and to get acquainted with civil trial work. A helpful step, indeed, for embryo attorneys.

In May, last, Les won his degree of Bachelor of Arts from Hastings College of the Law. Later he passed the bar examination with flying colors.

Les Gillen is a native son. His father, Edward J. Gillen, is assistant probation officer under Adult Probation Officer William H. Nicholl. A brother, Edwin C. Gillen, tracing the footsteps of brother Les, is a member of the Oakland Tribune staff.

Les, as newspapers say, declared that within the next few weeks his copy will be marked "30—that's all."—H. B. G.

New Lights for Market Street

The Lighting Committee of the Board of Supervisors on October 5 ordered the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to install a new type of globe on Market Street and in the central business district. The new globe will give 50 per cent greater lighting capacity without increasing the consumption of current, and will be in place by Christmas.

Municipal Organizations

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Roy Banks underwent a throat operation at a local hospital last month. He was back on the job after a lay-off of several days.

Flamm's party had plenty of work to do on the proposed extension of Junipero Serra Boulevard in San Mateo County. Ivan reported all the white right-of-way posts have been placed in position and all buildings and improvements along the line have been located.

While attending the dinner following the Engineers' ball game Andy Olson slipped and was hurt internally. It was feared that a rib was broken, but an X-ray showed Andy to be intact. He was confined to his home for four weeks.

During Olson's absence, Hatman spent his time in the office working up precise level notes. Bill then went in the field and worked on Schlotzhauer's party.

John Schlotzhauer, the oldest surveyor in the employ of the City, reached the ripe age of three score and ten and was placed on the retired list on October 31. As John leaves his activities for a well-earned rest he takes the best wishes of all with him. Don't forget to drop in at the meetings, John, as you will always find a hearty welcome awaiting you.

Inspector Tominski, who was retired last year, was a visitor at the Bureau of Engineering one afternoon last month. He still looks hale and hearty despite his seventy-odd years.

The saying that persons bitten by dogs is not news is all right, but when a real he-man is attacked by a tomcat we think it is news. It seems that Dutch Muheim was on the job inspecting as usual when he back-stepped and came in contact with the tail of a large tomcat. Instead of fleeing, as cats are wont to do, the feline turned and landed on Dutch's leg. When hostilities ceased Muheim had eight small holes in his leg from Sir Thomas' teeth. Knowing how easily infection can set in, Dutch demanded hospital treatment. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where the injuries were cauterized. The next day he was on the job feeling a little shaky, and at this writing is thinking seriously of taking the Pasteur treatment.

Outdoor work certainly has made a difference with the real he-man of the Bureau, Joe Mike. After years in the drafting room, Joe was transferred to the great outdoors and we must say that he is looking just like the fellows he always talked about when he was pushing a ruling pen across a drawing board. As soon as Joe learns to leave his sine and tangent books at home he will be a full-fledged field man.

Clifford Jones, who has been Schlotzhauer's right-hand man for years, has been appointed a surveyor and took charge of a party the first of this month.

MILLS FIELD INSPECTED

Eight members of the Sacramento Airport Commission arrived at Mills Field October 2 in a Standard Oil plane, to inspect the airport in connection with the work of selecting a site and to construct buildings for Sacramento's airport. The Mills Field plan was explained by Supervisors Milo F. Kent, Andrew J. Gallagher and Frank McGovern, and Frank Flynn, superintendent of the field.

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More Parks, More Playgrounds

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two-thirds majority is required for the approval of this great project. Complete Marina and Aquatic Park by voting YES on No. 59.

On November 2, 1920, the citizens of San Francisco voted to amend Section II of Article XIV of the Charter and thereby empowered the Board of Supervisors to provide for the maintenance and preservation of the parks, squares, avenues and grounds by levying a tax on all property in the City and County of San Francisco not exempt from taxation and that such tax should not be less than 7 cents nor more than 10 cents upon each $100.00 assessed valuation of such property.

At that time our park system contained only 1766.34 acres. Today it contains 2704.94 acres, an increase of 938.16 acres—more than 50 per cent of the 1920 park area. The increase in cost of maintenance has been proportional to the increase in acres, whereas the funds provided to meet such costs have remained the same.

To remedy this situation it is imperative that the limit be changed so that 10 cents shall be the minimum and 15 cents the maximum. The adoption of the amendment merely empowers the Board of Supervisors to appropriate, within the above limits, the amount shown by the Park Commissioners and Park Superintendent to the Board of Supervisors to be absolutely necessary to maintain and preserve our public parks and squares.

HEAVY ELECTION MAIL

Six million pieces of election literature were sent to San Francisco voters from the office of Registrar of Voters J. Harry Zemansky last month. The mail included a sample ballot, two booklets containing the proposed amendments to the state Constitution and state statutes and the charter changes and bond issues, a polling place location card and twenty-five other inclosures, carrying arguments for or against the various measures.

In honor of his retirement after thirty-seven years as a member of the Police Department, former fellow officers of Patrolman Peter Fanning presented him with a gold star at the October 9 morning assembly of members of the detective bureau. The presentation was made by Acting Police Chief William Quinn, who lauded Fanning's record. For many years Fanning was fingerprint expert in the bureau of identification.

Editorial Note

PUBLISHED in the interest of *all* officials and *all* employees of the City and County of San Francisco, the MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE in this, as in all other issues, freely has given its space to every municipal organization and group of employees who desired to express their side of the issues to be decided by the electorate at the November 6 election.

South City to Stage Stock Show

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ers Convention will hold its annual convention immediately following the show. The feature of the banquet at the Palace Hotel will be the presentation of the Junior exhibitors with their premiums and checks for the sale of their stock.

The main purpose of the California Livestock and Baby Beef Show is to stimulate an interest in the feeding and better finish of all classes of livestock of the highest grade and type.

California in the last fifteen years has developed into one of the outstanding argicultural states of the Union. Production of livestock has taken its place among the leading industries of the state, but from many angles may still be considered in its infancy.

Our usual method of producing livestock is economical, profitable and conducted with a minimum of labor and expense. Our pigs, lambs, and calves come at the beginning of the growing season each year, and make their entire growth and development on succulent grasses in a short space of time. At the end of the season they move to market in large numbers. Our consuming public cannot absorb the peak load so abruptly. Our year round demand for meat products is not taken care of uniformly.

In the spring of the year thousands of California milk lambs were shipped to eastern market centers and this winter it will be necessary for Pacific Coast packers to import grain-fed lambs from outside states to take care of the consuming demand.

More than 165,000 cattle were shipped into California in 1927 from outside states to supply the winter demand for beef. Five million dollars in cash was paid eastern hog producers the same year for 650,000 hogs imported to take care of the demand for pork products.

California produces the meat supply for her population about one-half of the calendar year, during the remainder provisioners must look to the outside for the daily meat requirements of our metropolitan cities.

The normal meat needs of the Bay Region require more than 200 carloads of livestock weekly. This is equivalent to four trainloads of fifty cars each. Livestock shipments originate in many parts of the seven western states and occasionally during the winter months from the distant prairie provinces of Canada.

The California Livestock and Baby Beef Show with its constructive educational program will be of untold value to the development of the livestock industry in California and will give an impetus to the feeding and better finishing of livestock of the highest grade and type which will result in a better balanced movement of livestock to market and added revenue to the livestock producers and feeders of this territory.

No admission fee will be charged for the first annual California Livestock and Baby Beef Show. The public is cordially invited to inspect the choice array of livestock which will be on exhibition during the show.

Preliminary steps toward acquiring a right-of-way for the extension of Junipero Serra Boulevard to Burlingame were ordered October 4 at a meeting in San Francisco of the Board of Directors of Highway District No. 10. The directors instructed Joseph J. Phillips, city right-of-way agent, to conduct the work, and Assistant City Engineer Clyde Healy announced to the directors that a preliminary engineering survey had been completed.

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Crime of Crimes

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at fraud fires they are winking at no one but themselves. They do not seem, very many of them, to understand that when insurance companies unwittingly pay a false claim the ultimate losers are not the underwriters but every insured property owner.

Arson losses are defrayed out of the pockets of honest policyholders in two ways: Directly, since the insurance company merely collects from the many in order to reimburse the few who suffer loss; and directly, since the more fires, the higher the burning ratio and the higher the rate that must be paid for insurance protection. Nothing, it would seem, could be any clearer or more rational than this; and yet the American people for generations could not or would not grasp it.

Slowly now, but surely, the public attitude is changing. It is observable among prosecuting officials everywhere and in the verdicts of juries. But there is yet entirely too much sympathy wasted on the individual who can "put it over" on "the rich, soulless insurance company," when, in reality, he is "putting it over" on nobody but his sympathetic friends and neighbors. Only when the altered public attitude towards arson becomes general will the incendiary's torch begin to flicker out in America. Meanwhile it persists as the chief factor in making this country the land of the self-destroyer of property.

IN searching for the causes which underlie incendiarism in America the heterogeneous character of the population cannot be ignored. The United States is not a people, but peoples; and these several peoples bring with them and keep alive prejudices, hates, unfriendly rivalries formed abroad within the borders of their native lands. Sometimes in this land of their adoption these smouldering fires flare up both figuratively and literally, venting themselves in arson, individually or by groups. Even in the south, where the population is perhaps racially purer than elsewhere, the torch has occasionally been applied in race rioting.

While not in itself, of course, a direct cause of arson or of burning to defraud, there is one peculiarity of American government which does have a decidedly aggravating effect on a situation already bad; that peculiarity resides in the laws or the lack of laws which appertain to the crime of arson. There is no body of statutes governing arson which applies nationally. Neither is there at present any more uniformity in the several state statutes on arson than there is, for example, on divorce. There is not even any unanimity among the states in defining the crime and in declaring what constitutes arson. This absence of agreement among the state governments proceeds even beyond differences of definition. It extends to the methods of trial, to the nature of the evidence which may be introduced and to the kinds and degrees of punishment which may be imposed. In brief, there is a general confusion of statutes which proves a constant embarrassment both to officialdom and to the insurance business when it would, on entirely sufficient grounds, contest payment of a suspicious claim.

Most people who have considered the subject at all picture the incendiary, the man who burns to defraud, as a hideous brute-like hulk of a man, unkempt, stubbly and with a cap pulled down over his shifty eyes. That is the popular conception. These people would be astounded to read the occupational list of the thousands of men and women whom the various state authorities, assisted by the operatives of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, have convicted of arson in its several aspects during, say, the past five years. "Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief; doctor, lawyer, merchant," and the roster of arsonists is by no means complete even within this wide category. The average man might pass an arsonist on the street and never know it. He is in all walks of life, literally; perhaps he lives next door, which is the most sinister thing about this despicable crime.

Honest people are awakening to the true nature of the crime and to its effects upon themselves and the country generally. Arson, they are commencing to realize, is the one crime on the calendar which is virtually always committed in cold blood. Murder, in its several bloody degrees, robbery in its various ugly types, every other kind of crime conceived and executed by man, sometimes is committed in passion, unpremeditated, done in the heat of uncontrolled anger; but not so arson. Arson is cruel, cold, cunning, slinking, planned always in advance and carried out by stealth—in the truest sense a midnight crime. There are about it no extenuating circumstances whatever to recommend lenience in dealing with it; there is not the smallest loophole for the entrance of sentimental forgiveness. The arsonist strikes, like the viper, without warning and without heed to human life, and he must be stamped out as is the snake he emulates.

It has taken the public a long while to grasp fully the enormity of the crime of arson, to look upon it with the detestation it merits. It is sordid in motive, utterly regardless of the rights of other people and without even the redeeming feature of courage on the part of the criminal. It frequently causes the death of those who are entirely innocent and in many instances spreads its destruction to adjoining property. Thus incendiary fire carries a menace of conflagration and these fires form an aggregate much larger than is generally realized.

But there is unmistakable evidence that people are at last becoming aroused. They are on the defensive now, and before long they can be relied upon to join the authorities actively and without reserve in running down the incendiary. Juries today are convicting with decisive vigor, which, in itself, is the strongest possible deterrent to the potential burner.

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FORTY-SEVEN years in the harness and every one of those years spent in faithful service to his city. Such is the enviable record of Registrar of Voters Mr. J. Harry Zemansky who, after the election on November 6, announced he would retire as a public officer. The retirement is not of Mr. Zemansky's selection. Under provisions of the city retirement and pension system, Mr. Zemansky must retire next July. He then will be past 70 years old, the limit set for active municipal employment. One of the city's most tireless workers, Mr. Zemansky certainly does not look to have reached his nearly three score and ten years. During his service as a public officer, Mr. Zemansky has seen elected eight presidents of the United States. He served in the Assessor's and the Tax Collector's offices and in 1892 was appointed registrar. San Francisco's voting machinery, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Zemansky, is as modern and efficient as any in the United States.

THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE believes the San Francisco Police Department is equal, if not superior to, any similar municipal organization in the United States. With rare exceptions, the men under Police Chief Daniel J. O'Brien are on the job; they are courteous to the public; they are upstanding, decent and reflect credit upon themselves and to their superior officers. Bad judgment on the part of one or two policemen should not be cause to condemn the entire department. The citizens of San Francisco have faith in Chief O'Brien. They know that his efforts are untiring to give to this city a Police Department of which it may well be proud.

TWO bond issues that spell progress for San Francisco were approved by the voters at the election on November 6. One issue calls for $2,200,000 for sewers and sewers' reconstruction in various districts throughout the city. The other, a health bond issue for $3,500,000, will bring up to adequacy the city's facilities for ministering to the sick and unfortunate. The health bond issue, among other things, provides for a cancer institute; enlargement of the Tubercular Preventorium and a Psychopathic hospital that will save unfortunates the stigma of commitment to insane asylums.

THE idle word that stings is as old as human speech. Spoken thoughtlessly or spoken in a moment of irritation, it says more than the speaker meant. It says more than he would have said on second thought. In a hasty moment one who really would not, for worlds, cause a lasting hurt, does just that, because he reaches for the first remark that will register. The idle word goes deep, deep into the heart and memory of the one to whom it is addressed. There is no way to reach that harm by law and courts. There is no way to resolve that one will never say the thing that causes needless hurt, except to resolve to build up a habit to say only kindly things.

WHEN it comes to geniality, hospitality and all-around good fellowship, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco, sets the pace for public officials of this country, says the *Redwood Highway Review*. In length of service, Mayor Rolph tops the list of Mayors in the United States, and equally remarkable is the fact that his administration has been carried forward in a businesslike manner, without "graft" scandals and with efficiency. The Mayor is a consistent booster for the Redwood Highway and enjoys the respect of the people whose interests lie along that famous thoroughfare.

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS, that frenzied season not associated with any other time of the year, is upon us. Christmas brings to us a warm spirit of fellowship, a renewal of old friendships, generosity and jollity. It always is an occasion to be remembered. Christmas is the turning point in the year; we approach it cheerily and prepare to begin the New Year. To our big family of readers and to our many advertisers whose patronage we certainly appreciate, we extend the season's heartiest greetings.

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Banking Institution in City Hall

THE treasurer of a great city like San Francisco has a multiplicity of duties and a variety of work that continually increases with the volume and complexity of new municipal undertakings.

All moneys due the city from any source, departmental, public utility or otherwise, tremendously large or infinitesimally small, are daily deposited with the City Treasurer and placed to the credit of the proper funds.

Conversely, every dollar expended by the city, for any purpose whatsoever, must be paid out of the treasury on properly certified and audited demands.

The city's Charter requires all payments to be made in cash, consequently no checks are issued by the Treasurer and large demands are paid in $10,000 Federal Reserve notes. It is all in the day's work with the Treasurer's merry crew. The responsibility of the paying staff as to speed, identification, accuracy and balancing of cash is well met. At the closing of each fiscal day everything is cleaned up, ready for another run on the bank.

Exemplifying the magnitude of the city's monetary transactions, the year 1927-28, at June 30 last, according to official records, shows that $60,086,766.63 were collected as cash receipts from all sources, and $57,938,737.78 disbursed by the department in the same period.

During the heavy pay-day periods when teachers are being paid, the cashier and assistants—five men at times—handle the waiting lines with commendable dispatch, sending away the young pedagogues happy with another bank roll.

The city's pay roll, including Police, Fire, Education, Works, Parks and other departments, now totals approximately 11,000 employees.

All except the teachers (state law) are paid twice a month. "Two-pay-day service" was a campaign promise of Mr. Thieler, and he sponsored a Charter Amendment that put the city on a commercial pay basis. On the first and sixteenth days of the month disbursements for salaries, wages, supplies and miscellaneous demands run between $400,000 and $500,000 a day.

Another service of the "City Bank," which the City Treasury really is, measured by many banking functions, is the very considerable public trust fund business which devolves upon the office, involving purchase and sale, as well as custodianship and accounting, of investment bonds. On June 30, 1928, the amount of such securities totaled $6,792,584.61. Of that amount $5,462,423.13 belonged to the City Employees' Retirement System, and represented the accumulation of securities acquired by the Board of Administration, based on contributions of employees (not including firemen and police), matched in equal amounts from city funds.

With the sanction of the Mayor and the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, funds of the Municipal Railway, Hetch Hetchy System and other municipal subdivisions, having temporarily unencumbered balances, are invested by the Treasurer in short term Federal, state and municipal bonds.

Watching the market for favorable "buys" in this class of investment securities is well worth while, as it results in financial returns of a substantial character that is reflected by reductions in the tax levy.

Again, in certain special trust funds, the Treasurer is delegated the authority and exercises the power to make investments on a savings bank basis, which has been instrumental in bringing in larger interest earnings on funds, the income of which is used by the Mayor for charitable purposes.

At the beginning of the fiscal year the Treasurer had on deposit with city and state banks, the sum of $14,836,000, subject to call, earning interest at a rate of 3 per cent and upward, secured by approved government securities, accepted at 10 per cent above market value for a margin of safety.

Bond data available July 2, 1928, shows that outstanding bonds of the City and County of San Francisco amounted to $87,463,600.

During the year the Treasurer's office paid to bondholders through various channels, the sum of $4,027,655 (about 200,000 coupons being handled), and during the same period cashed matured bonds to the extent of $2,992,600.

At this time there remains $76,659,000 of unsold bonds, par value, and $70,000,000 of these must be signed in the near future by the Mayor, Treasurer, Auditor and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and the city's official seal placed thereon. Included in the above are bonds of Spring Valley, $41,000,000; remaining Hetch Hetchy issue, $20,000,000; Memorial Halls, $4,000,000, and balance of the Boulevard Bond issue, $4,880,000.

Presently the recently approved Hospital and Sewer bonds will be subjected to like consideration.

The Spring Valley bonds will soon be up for sale, the city taking over the properties on or about February 1, next, according to present understanding, and the work of signing his name to the 41,000 bonds is now engaging the Treasurer's attention. He is dispatching them at an average of 1000 per day, gun-trigger paralysis and writer's cramp being invited to do their worst. It was found on investigation that the multiple pen process, if adopted, was more bother and expense than it was worth, owing to complicated necessities.

The Charter should certainly be amended to conform to up-to-date methods, and the state of California has indicated the way, as recent bond issues show the Governor's signature in facsimile only, but the State Treasurer's name is signed in good old-fashioned longhand.

THIELER, THE MAN

JOHN H. THIELER, native of South of Market, was elected City and County Treasurer in November, 1925, on a platform which promised modern business methods in the conduct of city business. Previous to his election he had served eleven years as Chief Deputy Treasurer. Taking office January 4, 1926, his department has served the public with efficiency—his aim being to accord everyone, high and low, prompt and courteous treatment.

Modern ways and means, up-to-date organization and system, are insisted upon. Mr. Thieler's slogan is "service first, courtesy always." The competent and obliging staff comprising the Treasurer's personnel, sees to it that the big money machine runs smoothly and well. The chief puts his force on a "results" basis. Nothing is too good for the man who makes good, but making good has to be a part of the picture.

John Thieler ("Jack" as he popularly is called) is an individual that one takes the liberty to classify as the Go-Getter type, or the "extrovert," the latest vogue of the alleged scientific boys. The genial Treasurer seems to have the happy faculty to get whatever he goes after—whether it is votes, ducks, or what have you.

As for personal tastes, Mr. Thieler takes his innings in a modern fashion, and appears a real product of the machine age—a lover of outdoor sports and a master of the mechanical paraphernalia that now-a-days is a part of such things. In keeping with his ideas of modern methods and progress, he has adopted the aeroplane as his mode of travel to and from Sacramento and other places, connected with official business, thus permitting him to prepare reports and make delivery of funds and checks in record time.

He is a member of the Shrine, California Consistory Scottish Rite, the Elks, Redmen, Eagles, Native Sons, San Francisco Mannerchor, Steuben Society and the South of Market Boys. Such social and fraternal affiliations, plus the many business contacts with men

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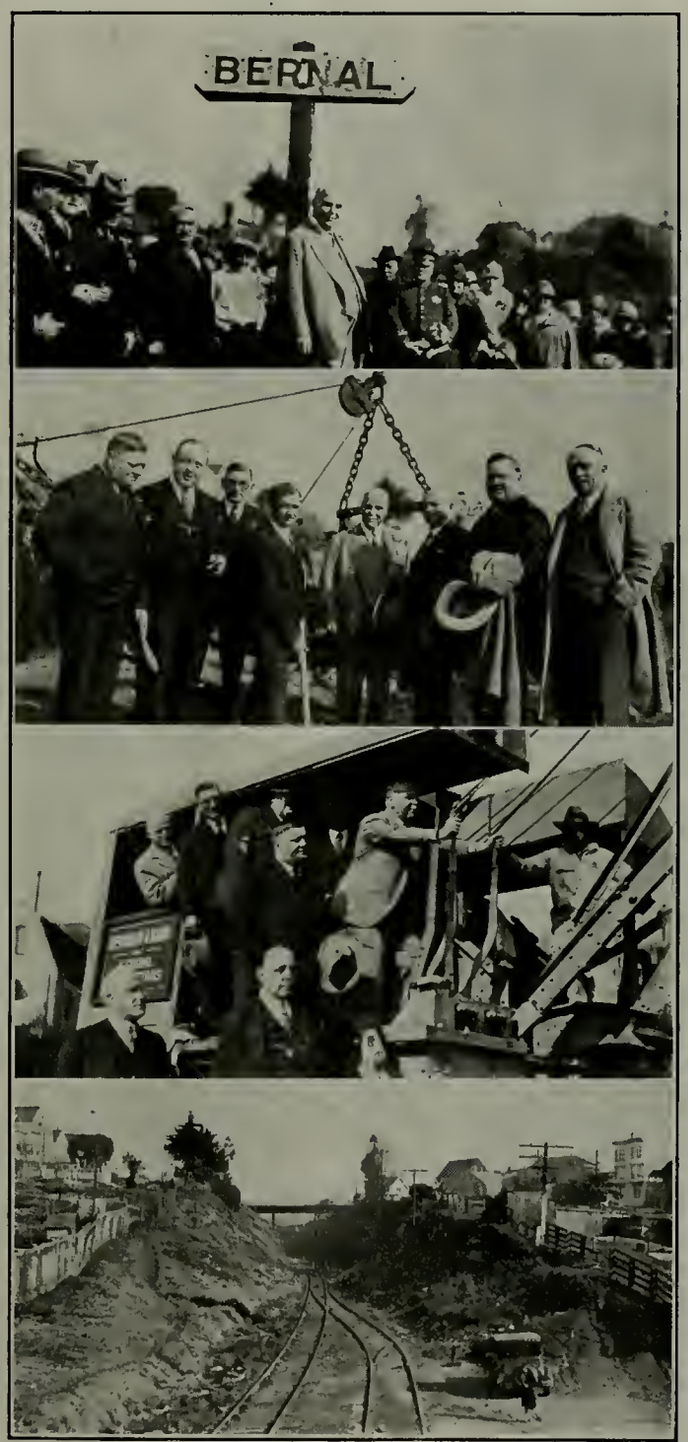
Forty-one Million Dollars and not a penny in sight. City Treasurer John H. Thieler stops for a pose while signing 41,000 Spring Valley water bonds

Dirt Flies In Bernal Cut

The Mayor Turns First Shovelful For New Traffic Lane

City's Dream of 22 Years Flowers Into First Phases of Reality



Top: Mayor Rolph and citizens inspecting Bernal Cut site. Second from top, left to right: Supervisors Fred Suhr, Charles F. Todd; Fred Meyer of Board of Public Works; Supervisors Alfred Roncovieri, Andrew J. Gallagher, Chairman Streets and Commercial Development Committee; Assistant City Engineer Michael Joseph Callaghan. Third from top: Making the dirt fly. Mayor Rolph at the steam shovel levers. Bottom: Old Railroad cut that will be transformed into a traffic lane of beauty.

—Photos by Chaffee

JUST how does this contraption start before it throws dirt?" inquired Mayor Rolph of Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher, at the ground-breaking ceremonies of Bernal Cut at the foot of St. Mary's Avenue, last month.

"Your turn on lever A and then you 'lever B'," replied the inimitable Supervisor.

The Mayor stepped into the cab of a steam shovel and lifted the first gouge of dirt, creating what is to be Bernal Cut, a civic improvement that will cost $1,400,000 and that will provide a new lane to skirt the heavy Mission traffic on the way to San Mateo County.

Bernal Cut will be 4200 feet long. It will have a forty-two-foot vehicular roadway and a right of way for a municipal street car line when it is needed. The Cut proper runs from San Jose Avenue to Dolores Street, out to San Jose and Diamond Street. Traffic at the head of Mission Road will cut down San Jose Avenue in a direct run to the center of the city, after connecting up with Howard Street.

Members of the Board of Supervisors, representatives of civic organizations and hundreds of residents of the Mission district attended the ground-breaking ceremonies.

Mayor Rolph, Supervisors Alfred Roncovieri, Fred Suhr, Charles F. Todd, Andrew J. Gallagher, Charles J. Powers and Assistant City Engineer Michael Joseph Callaghan, who designed the Bernal Cut, and Fred Meyer of the Department of Public Works, represented the City. Among the civic representatives were Gus Lachman of the Mission Merchants' Association; Cornelius Collonan of the South of Army Merchants' Associations; William K. McCaffrey of the Bernal Boosters' Association; Frank C. McDonald, president of the State Building Trades Council, and others.

In a brief talk Mayor Rolph said:

"Today brings us to the fruition of a vision first entertained in 1906, after the fire. The original sponsors of Bernal Cut were members of the Mission Promotion Association. This is one more example of San Francisco's unstoppable progress, another project for human convenience and our city's welfare."

Bonds for the Bernal Cut were voted by the people in 1927. Although the project has been established through a separate bond issue, the improvement will be included in the $9,000,000 boulevard system approved by the voters at the same time.

California's Literary Heritage

By Anne M. Farrell
Head of Fiction Department, Public Library

NO STATE, with the possible exception of New York, has as many prolific writers who have reached the heights of fame as the authors, native and adopted, who call the state of California, home. Not merely local writers, such as every community has produced, but writers who are nationally and even world renowned.

One need only to mention the glorious names of Bret Harte and Mark Twain, those two hardy souls who blazed the literary trail for the more modern Atherton, Norris, Dobie and Austen.

It has become quite a vogue in America and abroad to make pilgrimages to the homes of famous authors, and we Californians might well wander as pilgrims through the glorious country of Bret Harte, hallowed by the feet of the miners who danced or grieved according to whether they found gold or lost it. On the roads, which are now quite lonely, it is not difficult to visualize the heavily bearded miners who came from the hills and gathered in the single street of Angels Camp or Sonora to celebrate their luck.

In the strong sunlight of the late afternoon, the store where Mark Twain sold groceries seems thronged with ghostly customers, who were unaware that in their midst a genius moved with humorous eyes and kindly mouth.

The period following the hectic days of the gold rush took on more dignity, or at least more restraint. It was as if the merchants, who yesterday were miners, must move with a solemness that fitted their new station and wealth. Into this life came a man, one might say a boy, who wrote with a zeal beyond his years, a follower of Zola in his dynamic style, with visions that were never to be realized, for death claimed Frank Norris at the age of thirty-two, when he was "in the midst of life." The world lost a splendid novelist in the death of Frank Norris, and California lost a beloved friend.

Ambrose Bierce and Gelett Burgess carried on the great tradition of California writers. They produced literature that has proven to the world that the West must be taken into consideration as a serious school of literary workers.

Jack London was of another school, a more bombastic school. Hard, bitter poverty laid an unkind hand on him in his early youth, and the man who rose to wealth and fame never quite lost his sense of bitterness for the world that deprived him of a happy childhood. His short stories are probably the most outstanding examples of his work, notably that little masterpiece, "To Build a Fire." His earlier novels showed promise of better things to come, but London for some years seemed to have lost his desire to produce fine work. Consequently, his later novels reached little higher standards than the average best seller. His friends felt confident, however, that, had he lived, he would have returned to the splendid purpose of his first work and produced once again worth-while novels. Like his predecessor, Norris, London died at the age of 40, when he was but halfway through his career.

Of the modern writers in California, Gertrude Atherton and Kathleen Norris probably are the most popular of the women, while Charles Norris and Charles Caldwell Dobie represent the high mark of distinction in the men.

There is quite a different feeling among readers, regarding the books of Mrs. Atherton and Kathleen Norris. When a new Atherton book appears, the public demands the new work with reserve cards, and the book becomes steadily one of the most popular books of the day. As soon as the initial demand lessens, the book takes on but a slight circulation and may be found quite often on the library shelves. In the case of a new book by Kathleen Norris, the demand at first is rarely very great, other than the usual interest in a new book, but the circulation of Mrs. Norris' books never lessens; they have a steady popularity with the average reader and are never found reposing on the library shelves. This is true of even her earlier works, such as "Mother" and "The Treasure."

Mrs. Atherton's early stories of California have never been equaled in their atmosphere and feeling of reality. "The Californians" and "Before the Gringo Came" are classics of the time when the grandees of Spain were still, socially at least, the rulers of California.

Charles Norris has come to the front in the ranks of novelists in the last few years with a rapidity little less than startling. His first attempts at writing were unheralded, and not particularly brilliant, but with "Salt," "Bread," and "Brass," he found a definite place in the realm of American novelists of the realistic school, and big things are expected of him. Charles Caldwell Dobie, on the other hand, while having written some three or four novels, is best represented by his short stories, many of which may be found in the O'Brien Collection of the Best Short Stories of the Year, and other equally fine collections. His latest book, a collection of short stories under the title of "The Arrested Moment," proves him to be a writer who will, no doubt, take a high place shortly in the annals of American story-telling, and particularly in that hierarchy of Californians who have "rung the bell."

There always has been a keen sense of literary rivalry in California, and particularly in San Francisco. It is part of the color of the city, and the true Bohemianism for which the city is noted. There is a real camaraderie, however, and the older established

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Books in Demand

Non-fiction

Strange Interlude, O'Neill, Boni-Liveright.
Safari, Johnson, Putnam.
W. R. Hearst, Winkler, Simon & Schuster.
Abraham Lincoln, Beveridge, Houghton Mifflin.
Goethe, Ludwig, Putnam.
Condemned to Devil's Island, Niles, Harcourt, Brace & Co.

Fiction

Swan Song, Galsworthy, Scribner.
Old Pybus, Deeping, Knopf.
Strange Case of Annie Spragg, Bromfield, Stokes.
Age of Reason, Gibbs, Doubleday, Doran & Company.
All Kneeling, Parrish, Harpers.
Bambi, Salten, Simon & Schuster.

San Francisco's Pride on Parade

By DANIEL J. O'BRIEN, *Chief of Police*

THE annual inspection, review and parade of the San Francisco Police Department was held Saturday forenoon, November 3. Promptly at 10 a. m., His Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners inspected the three battalions of San Francisco police on Polk Street, in front of City Hall.

Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien was in command of the three battalions which comprised nine drill companies, the traffic squad and the mounted platoon. Captain Frederick Lemon of Company D acted as regimental adjutant.

Captain Eugene Wall of Company M was in com-

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Southern Pacific tunnel and the new grade. Men are shown building a retaining wall to hold a sliding fault. A cut 400 feet deep will be made in the distant hill at a point below the three poles.

Our Industrial Picture

By CAPEN A. FLEMING

Manager, Industrial Department, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

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WE are all prone to view the picture at which we are working so closely that we fail to see in its entirety what is taking place. Industrial development work affords no exception to this tendency, and for this reason, it is reassuring to cast a summary of some of the outstanding fundamental developments now under way in San Francisco and on the Peninsula. These, when focused, are formidable in their significance, and portend great growth.

NO OTHER improvement within recent years has meant so much as the Bay Shore Highway, a wide trucking artery. Previously it was necessary to take industrial prospects, strangers to the city, along a narrow winding road to our cheaper industrial acreage. The visitor thought that he was being taken into the country. The new Bay Shore Highway, with its width and its comparatively straight course, virtually annihilates what was exaggerated distance. It naturally orients San Franciscans so that they turn normally to the south and plan for the development of the industrial possibilities south of the city. A trip along the new right-of-way today is an inspiration.

AS ALMOST an integral part of this development, we have the new San Mateo Bridge, whose approaches on the west side of the bay connect with the Bay Shore Highway. This bridge will lead transcontinental automobile traffic directly into San Francisco, as it will connect the Lincoln Highway with this city, allowing those using the Lincoln Highway to enter San Francisco without traveling through the traffic of the east side of the bay. The last pile was driven on October 25, and the bridge will be open in February instead of in June as called for in the contract.

This bridge means that a factory located anywhere on the peninsula will find distribution to the markets of both sides of the bay a simple matter, while the plant remains nearer to the larger portion of its market as afforded by the greater population of San Francisco and the peninsula.

AS ANOTHER indication of the dawn of a new progress, we have the careful study of San Mateo and San Francisco counties, looking towards a consolidation which will eventually work out a scheme of government more satisfactory to both units than the government of either is at the present time. Development of the two counties as a result of unity of purpose can only be pictured by taking into account the growth and development in such areas as New York, Pittsburgh, etc., subsequent to consolidation in those areas.

THE plans of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company for bringing natural gas to San Francisco afford one more industrial factor of marked importance for this area. Plans call for delivery of gas here within one year, and industrial plants will be supplied with this fuel at rates comparable to those now prevailing nearer the oil fields. A 20-inch pipe line from the Buttonwillow oil fields will bring the natural gas under high pressure to Milpitas, where the pipe line will fork, one 20-inch line running up the peninsula, and the other up the east side of the bay with pressure at about half that in the main feed line. An associate company will bring natural gas from the Ventura fields to the Buttonwillow intake so that industrial San Francisco is assured of an abundance of cheap fuel.

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No. 1—The Spring Valley Water Company is laying a new pipe line adjoining the new highway. The Visitacion Valley slough is seen below, and part of the new grade can be seen across it. The new road will be built across the slough. No. 2—This culvert tunnel is built under the new highway at Visitacion. No. 3—When the cut is complete it will run into Third Street at the point of the trees in the center. No. 4—Cutting through the highest point of the new grade.

Rail Bridge to Span Suisun Bay

Structure Will Be More Than One Mile in Length

The Contra Costa, largest ferryboat in the world, to be taken out of service when the Southern Pacific's double-track railroad bridge is built across Suisun Bay, near Martinez

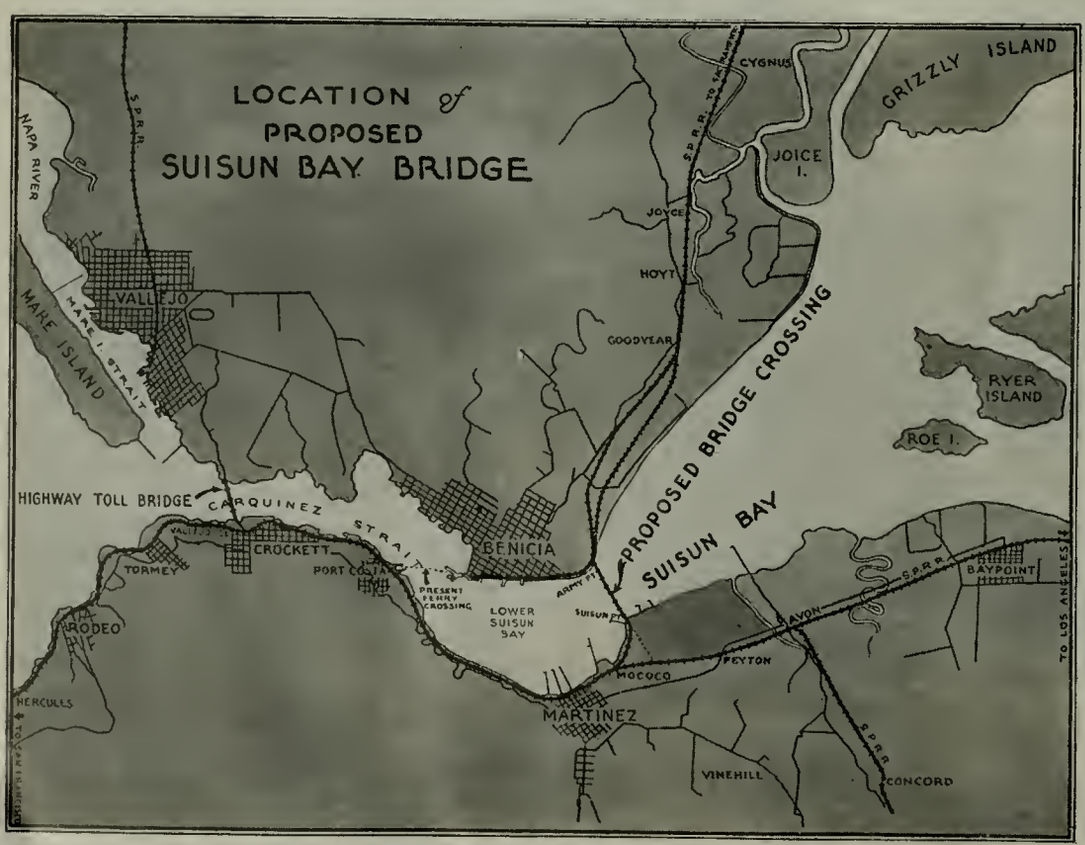
THERE is probably no greater favorable influence in the development of San Francisco and the bay region than the quiet and persistent work of the Southern Pacific in reducing the time required to travel and transport products between this section and the populous Middle West and East.

In its proposed construction of a railroad bridge across Suisun Bay from Suisun Point in Martinez to Army Point on the north shore, is found an epic in man's long record to conquer distance. Ever since the pioneer pushed the American frontier to the Pacific Coast, the nation has seen the struggle of Western genius to conquer the element of distance which separates productive California from the large consumer markets of the East.

The bridging of Suisun Bay by the railroad is in line with the early history made by Stanford, Hopkins, Crocker and Huntington, who successfully challenged the doubters of the nation that a transcontinental line ever could be built across the Sierra. The Overland Route of the Southern Pacific has not yet been truly appraised as regards its stimulus and influence in building California to what it is today.

Cuts, fills, bridges, tunnels and culverts, all of them the children of the civil engineer, were constructed in the face of Mother Earth in order to make the Overland Route the shortest route East. Today with increasing travel and ever growing tonnage, the railroad will again reduce the travel time East in order to meet the rapidly changing economic conditions of the West.

The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco and fifteen other central California civic, commercial and transportation companies presented to the War Department resolutions and letters supporting the railroad's application for a permit to build the bridge.



The railroad's proposal to build the 5597-foot bridge at an approximate cost of $12,000,000 is based largely on the saving it will create for shippers and travelers. It will shrink the West's industrial and economic map by cutting two hours from transcontinental travel time for freight trains and ten minutes from passenger trains on both the Overland and Shasta routes.

C. R. Harding, engineer of standards for the railroad, testified before the War Department that the bridge would represent the maximum cost that its traffic would bear; that it gives more than reasonable safeguards for present naviga-

Artists' drawing of the Southern Pacific's proposed bridge across Suisun Bay

tion and that it will adequately take care of the needs of both railroad and water-borne traffic into the far distant future.

The bridge will consist mainly of ten 408-foot through spans, one lift span with 305 feet horizontal clearance between pier protection and one deck span of approximately 390 feet length with short viaduct approaches at both north and south ends.

All of the through spans are seventy feet in the clear above mean higher high water. The lift span provides, when up, under clearance of 135 feet above mean higher high water, or 141.5 feet above mean lower low water. The lift span will be designed to open in ninety seconds.

The bridge is double track and is designed to carry double-headed locomotives followed or preceded, or both, by uniform load of 7500 pounds per lineal foot. The piers will be of concrete founded on rock. As aid to navigation of ships through the lift span, heavily braced pier protection is proposed similar to great ferry slip wings and lights and signals will be provided as may be required by the United States Lighthouse Department. Approximately two years will be required to construct the bridge.

The bridge will permit the railroad to dispose of its train ferry service between Port Costa and Benicia. This service though considered efficient and of great importance as a cut-off at the time it was placed in service in December, 1879, has now become a bottleneck in the Overland and Shasta routes on account of the increased traffic over the lines. The average time required to ferry passenger trains is thirty minutes and freight trains two hours and twenty-seven minutes. The bridge will cut 20 minutes from passenger train time and two hours from freight train time.

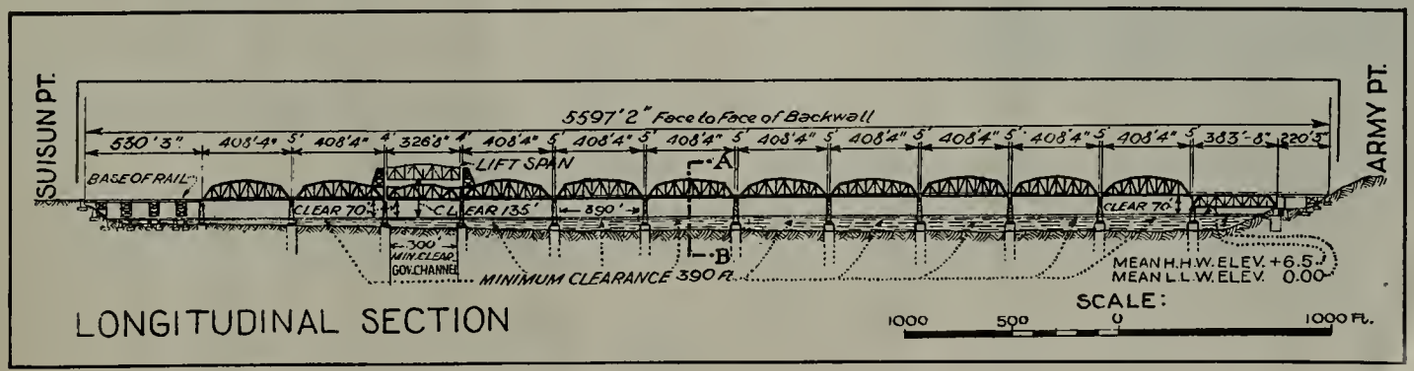
ILLUSTRATIVE of what happens in foggy weather, on May 9, 1925, there was a heavy fog from 1:47 a. m. to 12:47 p. m., eleven hours. During this time fourteen passenger and three freight trains were ferried. Crossing time for passenger trains averaged forty-eight minutes, while for the freight trains, average time was four hours ten minutes. Three westbound passenger trains which had reached Benicia on time were delayed so much that they missed their regular connections at Oakland Pier and consequently were twenty minutes or more late at San Francisco. Three of the four eastward trains arrived at Port Costa on time, but were from twelve minutes to thirty-seven minutes late departing from Benicia.

In the course of a year there are an average of sixty-two days when boat operations are interfered with by reason of fog conditions. In the past, these delays have been tolerated by the public, but the traffic has grown to the point where expenditure of the enormous cost of the bridge proposed is justified and is demanded adequately to serve public convenience.

The Southern Pacific train traffic across Carquinez Straits between Port Costa and Benicia increased 264 per cent between 1880 and 1925. Total trains crossing the straits in 1880 was 3561, while 12,972 crossed in 1925. During the fifteen years ended December 31, 1926, the total number of railway cars crossing the straits increased 42½ per cent.

On account of the increased traffic that must be handled across the straits in order to serve public convenience, it would be necessary to construct three new steel train ferries of greater capacity than those now operated, which would crowd the ferry lane from Port Costa to Benicia with many more train ferry movements a day than at present. The hazard of collision exists at present with the comparatively small number of vessels passing through the straits and only two train ferries. With the enlarged water-borne traffic following completion of the Stockton deep-water channel and enlargement of the fleet of Southern Pacific train ferries crossing their path, the conclusion is clear that hazards of navigation would be far greater under such conditions than under the conditions that would be imposed by construction of Southern Pacific's bridge.

The bridge will also reduce delays and will relieve congestion of trains between Brighton and El Pinal, improve the service between San Francisco and Sacramento Valley points and establish a new freight route between San Francisco territory and the North and East.



Sketch of proposed bridge across Suisun Bay, looking down stream

County Clerk's Office Is the City's Money-Maker

By ASHLEY TURNER
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IF ALL branches of the City and County government were as profitable to the people as the office of County Clerk, there would be little need for taxpayers to worry. Maybe there would be no taxes.

The County Clerk's office not only is self-supporting, it is a money-maker. After expenses of the office have been paid—including salaries—County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy turns into the City and County treasury many thousands of dollars annually.

Receipts from all branches of the County Clerk's office for the fiscal year 1927-28, totaled $327,093.13. Disbursements amounted to $196,906.63, making receipts in excess of disbursements, for the year ending June 30, 1928, $130,186.50.

MR. MULCREVY has been County Clerk for nearly a quarter of a century. Since 1905 the excess of receipts from all branches of his office, over disbursements, has reached the gratifying total of $1,194,760.95. Those receipts have lightened the taxpayers' burdens not a little.

Eighty men are employed in Mr. Mulcrevy's office. *Efficiency is the cardinal rule.*

During the twenty years I have been in the newspaper game I have encountered not a few public officials and employees. During the last ten years it has been my lot to come in contact daily with a majority of the employees in the County Clerk's office. I recall not a single act of discourtesy toward a citizen on the part of an employee of that office.

That speaks exceedingly well for an office operated under civil service rules. (We hear so much about civil service being a theory and not a fact.) It bespeaks volumes for the high quality of those who conduct San Francisco's most profitable public office.

The heads of the various departments are selected with rare good judgment. Citizens who visit the County Clerk's office are greeted with a smile. Questions are answered promptly and correctly. Attorneys who file or look up legal documents receive from the corps of clerks efficient service from the filing and registry divisions.

COUNTY CLERK HARRY I. MULCREVY

The indexing system in vogue in Mr. Mulcrevy's office is the last word in efficiency. A child, in a few minutes' time, supplied with the correct name of parties in litigation, could find any paper in the office.

The eighty men employed in the County Clerk's office are not "in one another's way." Each has his duty to perform. He does it.

Thousands of papers are filed every year. Thousands of marriage licenses are issued every twelvemonth. It is a busy office. Everybody from genial "Jim" Wilson, the cashier, to the corps of copyists does a full day's work every day.

An idea of the business transacted in the office of the County Clerk may be gleaned from the following figures, covering the fiscal year 1927-28:

Filed: Civil suits, 13,081; divorce actions, 3,326; annulments, 341; maintenance suits, 86; damage suits, 1,462; suits for money, 4,813.

During the same fiscal year 6,327 marriage licenses were issued. From 1906 to 1927 the marriage licenses totaled, 130,496.

In the criminal department of the Superior Courts, where the County Clerk also is chief officer, a total of 1,168 actions were filed during the last fiscal year.

Little does the average citizen realize the extent of duties of the County Clerk in a county the size of San Francisco. Few appreciate the care that is exercised by employees of the office to see that papers are not lost or stolen or destroyed; that every action filed properly is registered and copied and made ready for the day when the case at issue is scheduled to be heard in court.

In ten years' daily association I have come to know most of Mr. Mulcrevy's official family by their first names. I look upon almost the entire "gang" as personal friends. They do their work well. They find time to be courteous and, above all, efficient. And, praise be, they find time to be friends—"just plain folks."

Play-grounds

By Veda Beresford Young
Secretary, Playground Commission

Some of the kiddies who participated in the "Fall Festival."

PERHAPS the most joyous occasion ever offered the people of San Francisco, by the Playground Commission, was the colorful and beautiful Fall Festival presented in the Civic Auditorium on November 2.

The participants included about 1,000 children. They came with parents, relatives and friends from every playground neighborhood in San Francisco. The presentation proved the truth of Jane Addams' statement that "the power of self-expression is one of the most precious boons of education." The parents thoroughly enjoyed the recreation provided and were especially happy because their children created this means of pleasure.

Hester Proctor, Supervisor of Educational Dramatics, and Marie V. Foster, Supervisor of Music, wrote and directed the "Fall Festival." The orchestra was directed by Jan Philip Schinhan. A great deal of credit is due the playground directors for their help in teaching the dances and in makng the costumes.

"Through taking part in festivals and in watching one's friends take part, culture and knowledge are assimilated as they cannot be in ways which do not touch the emotions."

The festival surely helped develop community spirit. It gave an opportunity for the expression of the beautiful, and for an increased appreciation on the part of the entire community of just what the beautiful is, for "art has within itself the power of growth."

Each of the eleven numbers on the program were most thoroughly appreciated. The liveliness, gayety, appropriate music, and the rhythm, made the presentation extremely enjoyable. How can one possibly forget the beautiful color effects produced by the leaves,

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Boy Traffic Officers winning official praise in Annual Review

ATTIRED in neat uniforms and carrying the banners of the individual schools they represented, 1600 boys comprising the San Francisco Public School Traffic Reserve, participated in their semi-annual review and parade in the Civic Center, November 9. The review was a special feature of American Education Week and was witnessed by many of the city's leading officials—municipal and school—as well as by officials of the California State Automobile Association.

The boys made a striking appearance as they paraded to the strains of a march played by the San Francisco Police Department band. The bands of the High School of Commerce and the Galileo High School also were instrumental in adding to the success of the event. The band boys appeared in snappy uniforms and furnished martial music for the young paraders. There was concentrated effort to look dignified and stern as the youthful officers passed the reviewing stand, but the delight that is natural to youth at being on parade kept breaking through.

Following the parade the youthful "policemen" were assembled in the Civic Center Plaza to hear the words of praise spoken by Percy E. Towne, chairman of the public safety committee of the California State Automobile Association and one of the originators of school traffic reserves; his Honor, Mayor Rolph; Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien; Superintendent of Schools, Joseph Marr Gwinn; Mrs. Baylies C. Clark, president of the Parent-Teachers' Association, and Officer B. J. Getchell, in immediate charge of the reserve.

The Lafayette School was awarded the trophy for being the most efficient in traffic duty during the year, while the Pacific Heights School carried off the honors in being awarded the trophy for making the best appearance during the parade. The work of the Reserve in all schools deserves highest praise, for it is instrumental in teaching good citizenship and of being highly beneficial to the morale of the boys connected with such a necessary activity. The members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools always have been glad to coöperate with the Police Department to the fullest extent in this regard and are anxious to continue the work which has been so well begun.

The boys are organized in squads in each school and are in charge of a captain. The various schools are grouped in provisional battalions which correspond roughly to the districts of the city. For the purpose of reviews or parades the battalions are then grouped into a regiment, of which Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien is Colonel.

The activity is essentially related to the police force rather than the schools. This is necessary since the careless or thoughtless motorist will sometimes run past a stop signal given by the youthful traffic regulator. However, since the protection is offered entirely to pupils of the schools, the school department has done everything which it possibly could to encourage the organization and to help in its development. Other organizations also have been very helpful in developing and organizing this work. The California Automobile Association were the originators of the idea in the state and were the first to suggest the formation of a Junior Traffic Reserve in San Francisco. The United States Army has coöperated on a number of occasions, particularly last spring, when the four battalions of young reservists were invited on successive weeks to visit the Presidio. They were shown everything which the regular Army has to offer, including the well-known "Army beans." Colonel Walter H. Johnson of the Thirtieth Infantry is particularly interested in various types of boy organizations and directed that his troops do everything possible to instruct and entertain their young visitors. In order

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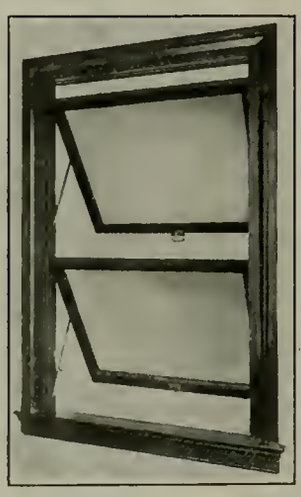

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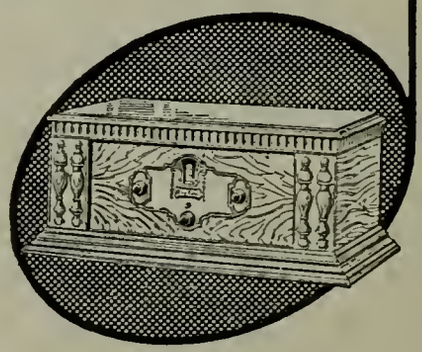

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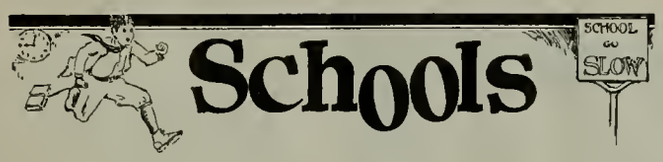

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to encourage *esprit de corps* an annual review and parade is held at or near the Civic Center. This year it was held immediately after the annual police review and followed the plan of the latter.

Junior Traffic Reserve squads have been organized in the following schools:

First Battalion: Alvarado, Bay View, Bernal, Bret Harte, Bryant, Cleveland, Douglas, Edison, Fairmount, Franklin, Glen Park, Guadalupe, Hunter's Point, Irving M. Scott, Junipero Serra, Kate Kennedy, LeConte, Lincoln, Longfellow, Marshall, McKinley, Monroe, Patrick Henry, Sanchez, San Miguel, Sheridan, Starr King, Twin Peaks, Visitacion Valley.

Second Battalion: Alamo, Argonne, Cabrillo, Columbus, Commodore Sloat, Farragut, Frank McCoppin, George Peabody, Hawthorne, Jefferson, Lafayette, Laguna Honda, Parkside, Sunnyside, Sutro, West Portal.

Third Battalion: Adams, Andrew Jackson, Dudley Stone, Emerson, Fremont, Golden Gate, Grant, Grattan, John Muir, Madison, Pacific Heights, Raphael Weill, Redding, Sherman, Washington Irving.

Fourth Battalion: Commodore Stockton, Hancock, Jean Parker, Sarah B. Cooper, Spring Valley, Winfield Scott, Yerba Buena, Crocker Junior High, Francisco Junior High, Hamilton Junior High, Daniel Webster Junior High, Horace Mann Junior High, John Swett Junior High, Noe Valley Junior High.

Board of Education

We are happy to include in our office force Miss Mary M. Hickey recently appointed to Lowell High School as stenographer-typist.

Miss Candace Stridde, who served at Lowell High School as stenographer-typist, has been transferred to a position in the Secretary's Department in the main office. We are sure she will enjoy her work here, to the fullest extent.

Miss Ida Roschmann has taken over stenographic duties in the office of the Daniel Webster Junior High School. We expect to hear very good news of her progress there, and extend to her our best wishes for success.

We are sorry to announce that Mrs. Louise Blanchette, janitress of the Pacific Heights School, and Mrs. Mary Dempsey, janitress of the Kate Kennedy School, have found it necessary to take leaves of absence owing to illness. We hope their recovery is not only complete, but rapid.

For Citizenship Day of American Education Week, the children of the Le Conte School presented a Fathers' night program in the school auditorium. Mr. Walter Nolan, deputy superintendent of schools, was the principal speaker. After the program an exhibition of the children's work was given in the activity room.

Thirty Lowell crew girls, under direction of their physical education teacher, Miss Wilson, made an enjoyable launch trip along the Marin shore to Marin Island, November 17. Outings such as that are part of the program on San Francisco Bay for girls who report for "crew." With cessation of the trade winds, leaving a placid sea, a beautiful, clear landscape, and an atmosphere pure and freshly laundered by recent rains, these occasions are intensely interesting.

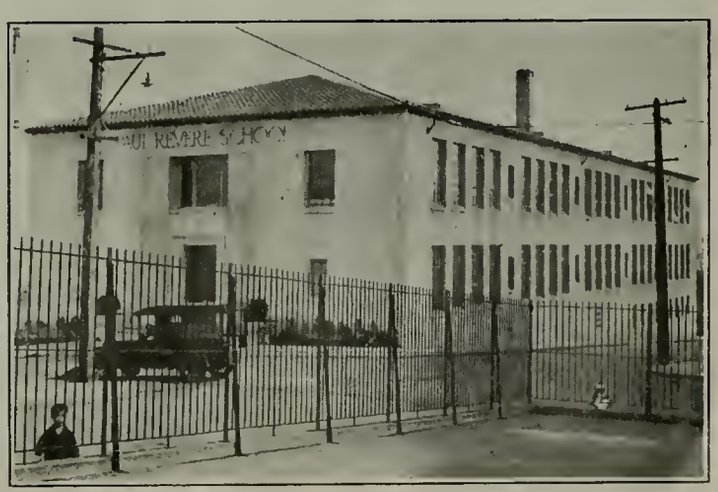
Who Are the Jill Tars?

WE HAVE heard of Jack Tars. Are the women, as sailorettes, beginning to encroach on this purely masculine occupation? In a great seaport, such as San Francisco Bay, the imagination of the girls, as well as the boys, is stirred by the continuous ocean-going craft passing through the Golden Gate. It may be the longing of our girls to have the same opportunities as the boys for employment aboard the various vessels, but in forming organizations in the high schools for which they have adopted the name Jill Tars, the object is entirely recreational. It is an outgrowth of the school rowing in the large Navy cutters along the Marina. Pulling an oar as one of a crew of fourteen along the waterfront is enjoyable and exhilarating.

The High School boys have formed organizations under the name of Sea Scouts that train in nautical matters and permit of scouting at sea as the younger Boy Scouts do on land. Why should not the girls have the same opportunity to learn and to build up their bodies and to find innocent enjoyment in the aquatic environment of our peninsular city?

"No better use can be made of our sloping mountains and rushing streams than in the making of American citizens," said the National Superintendent of Parks. The same may be said of San Francisco Bay. The commercial value is important, but a higher use is in the making of our future men and women.

The Jill Tars are local organizations sponsored by the women teachers who volunteer their time in the Department of Physical Education. The girls learn the geography of the Bay, the currents, the tides and the winds characteristic of this varied and beautiful body of water. They learn all about the aids to navigation, such as buoys, beacons and the lighthouse system about the Bay. They receive training in the art of sculling, rowing, sailing and the use of the Bay for cruising to distant points and of camping on its protected shores, up the rivers and on the islands.



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THE new Paul Revere School Annex, dedicated Sunday, December 2, is one of the finest built schools in the city. It is of reinforced concrete with stucco exterior and cast stone trim. The building contains a shelter, general activities room, boiler room, nutrition kitchen, seven classrooms, a kindergarten room, and an office on the first floor; nine classrooms and a teachers' rest room on the second floor. The school has an enrollment of 618 pupils, with eighteen teachers looking after their interests. Mrs. Emma L. Dacre is the principal. The contractors who constructed the new school were: Frank Reilly, general contractor; Alta Electric Company, electrical equipment; Thomas Skelly, plumbing and gas fixtures; A. Lettich, mechanical equipment; D. Zelinsky & Sons, painting.

COOKIES IN A JIFFY

By Martha Adams
The Best Foods Home Economics Service

WHILE most of us long for old-fashioned cookies prepared with hours of mixing and beating, rolling out and cutting, many of us feel that the days of the overflowing cookie jar are gone forever. But modern methods say no. The beloved stand-by of the school lunch-box and the after school snack, not to mention the grown-up raid on the pantry at any hour when fancy dictates, has only grown up with the times. The busiest of home-makers can keep the cookie jar filled if she but knows the secret of modern cookie making.

While you are superintending meals in the making, plan sometime to prepare your pet cookie recipe, form the dough into a long roll and slip it into the icebox to be baked tomorrow when other dishes are to be prepared. Or when you are getting supper, mix up a batch of cookies, slip them into the refrigerator and in the morning when time allows, bake them while cleaning up from breakfast. They need not all be done at one time, only at such moments as you are in the kitchen overseeing other work. And the cookies will keep for a number of days (if you can find a safe hiding place) and when made from Nucoa make one of the most satisfactory and economical solutions of the perpetual question, "Mother, may I have something to eat?"

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1 teaspoon cinnamon
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By LIEUT. FRED JONES

CAPTAIN WILLIAM NOLAN of Engine 3 on the night of November 14 rescued Mrs. Kate Riley, 81, an invalid, from flames in the Crystal apartments, 1145 Pine Street. Captain Nolan groped through suffocating smoke and carried the bedridden woman down a ladder from the fourth floor. A crowd, attracted by the fire, cheered when Captain Nolan reappeared with the aged woman in his arms.

A picture no artist can paint: Olsen of Engine 42 parading the streets with his natty red uniform of the American Legion Drum Corps pounding out the tune of "Yankee Doodle."

Brant of Truck 4 put on some house warming after the ball at his new home on Geneva Avenue. With Vince Hurley officiating at the piano, Elm had an abundance of talent.

The features of the above party were the singing of the "Wearing of the Green" in German by Red Short and "Asleep in the Deep" by Ed. Smith.

Ferris of Truck 4 was the official time-keeper of the evening, as he could tell the time of day without looking at his watch. Ask the girls that were present and they will vouch for it.

Ellenberger, the loudest speaker of Truck 3, recently returned from a deer hunt minus any deer. No doubt the animals heard your sweet voice, Fred.

Listens like wedding bells for our friend Gilhooley of Truck 3. 'Tis rumored that Pete has been running around in circles of late.

Bauer of Engine 7, long known for his sweet tooth, has had considerable trouble to locate a huckleberry pie. If any of you kind readers can inform John where said pie can be purchased he will appreciate it highly.

Brennan of the corporation yard was seen at the opening of the new ice rink at Sutter and Pierce streets. Yes, he had the new knickers on and the girls gave him no rest, what I mean.

Reuter, the radio expert of Engine 34, recently hooked up a set that can be worked without a dial. No doubt it is the first one you hooked up for the company, Charlie.

Captain Collins of Engine 46, better known as the Waltzer Supreme, has had considerable trouble with his partners—that is his dancing partners. It is rumored at a recent dance in the neighborhood of Fillmore and Geary streets, Jerry slipped while doing the butterfly and his partner flew on top of him.

Murphy of Engine 5 has purchased one of the latest in automobiles. That is, Fred has in his possession one of those red bugs that were so prominent in the recent football game between the Olympic Club and St. Mary's. No doubt Hughie Carr will be the chauffeur.

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At the Local Theatres

TWO of the screen's most compelling interpretations of the soft passion are Billie Dove and Antonio Moreno, who appear in the former's starring picture, "Adoration," now playing at the Granada Theatre.

There are numerous scenes of perfervid emotion in this story of Russia and France in the days of the revolution and afterwards. There are a prince and princess in Muscovy. They are torn apart when the red tide flows over the land and through an error he believes her unfaithful. The triangle developments that follow make it one of the outstanding pictures of the season.

One of the most spectacular revues to be sent out from New York by Publix will be the feature stage attraction. Several Broadway headliners appear in the act which is known as "Pow Wow." Henry Busse will serve as master of ceremonies and leader of the Granada Synco-symphonists, while Eddie Magill, the megaphone king will render popular songs and Don George will give a novel program at the console.

"The Awakening," a romantic narrative with Vilma Banky as star, now playing at the California Theatre with sound effects, brings the Hungarian beauty to the screen in a story of love and war, pictured in pleasant Alsace.

The peasant girl, Marie, idol of the Alsatian village, spurns her peasant lover and gives herself to a handsome Uhlan officer, played by Walter Byron, a newcomer to the American screen. He has gone through life as a trifler with women and thinks that the peasant girl is just another conquest. However her innocence and purity arouse his love and he saves her from degradation.

Throughout the picture there are many dramatic and war scenes which make the picture one of Miss Banky's greatest.

The coming of the white men fortells the reign of disaster in "White Shadows of the South Seas," the filmization of Frederick O'Brien's story, now playing with sound effects at the St. Francis Theatre.

Urged by the white man's cupidity the natives dive to great depths to search for pearls. The pressure of the deep water enfeebles their bodies and the price of the white man's cupidity is the islander's life.

Monte Blue, who plays the role of a renegade physician who has fallen to the level of a beachcomber, fights this practice and wins the enmity of a white trader, who lures Blue aboard a plague boat and sets it adrift. He escapes, however, to a virgin island where he finds peace and love with a native girl.

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Reviews of Current Books

Toilers of the Hills. **By Vardis Fisher. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, $2.50).**

LEAVING the fertile valley behind them, Dock Hunter and his wife, Opal, pack their worldly possessions on a wagon and go to the hills of Idaho. There land is cheap and people few. There a vast loneliness broods upon the humpback mountains, and only the gray squirrels and the hawks dispute their possession. Pioneers of the twentieth century, they build a log cabin and Dock begins the conquest of the sagebrush and the matted grass that is to bring them fortune.

In the midst of desolation they struggle through the years. By brute strength Dock ploughs the stubborn earth, makes his land arable, and at last grows the golden wheat of his dreams.

"Toilers of the Hills" is a book that gives epic significance to a recent chapter of American history. For its richness of substance, its racy and vigorous style, and its magnificent conception of man in conflict with nature, this book will endure with the best work of Willa Cather as an epic picture of the West.

The Three Musketeers. **By Alexander Dumas. (The Macmillan Company, New York, $1.25).**

In the eighty-odd years since its appearance, "The Three Musketeers" has brought delight to thousands upon thousands of readers. D'Artagnan, Athos, Porthos, Aramis—these are names known the world around, names that hold all the glamour and sparkle of an older day, of clashing steel and duels behind the Louvre, of intrigue in high places and breathless riders spurring the weary miles in the service of the Queen, of love and war and loyalty to an ideal. And though the precisionist might object that the historical truth of the book is none too great, there yet remain loyalty and war and love and the dash of youth, greater things and more potent than the pedantic accuracy that they displace.

Scissors Cut Paper. **By Gerard Fairlie. (Little, Brown & Company, Boston, $2.00).**

Bill Wilson was on the spot within a few seconds of the murder. But when he got the police to fetch the body, he only qualified for Bow Street; and the lady he was escorting had disappeared; and the taxi-driver was "done in." Bill—and Caryll his falsetto friend—decided that this was not good enough. So they went to the lonely Villa des Fleurs at Biarritz; indeed, Caryll went too far for his health, and Bill had the deuce and all to get him out again. Still, it was worth it.

Two Black Crows in the A. E. F. **By Charles E. Mack. (Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, $2.00).**

When war was declared between the United States and Germany, the Kaiser had never heard of the two obscure citizens in Buford, Tennessee, who are the heroes of Two Black Crows in the A. E. F.

That made it fifty-fifty. The Crows had never heard of him either.

Nevertheless, the ruthless Kaiser brought a great change in the lives of Amos (Mack) and Willie (Moran).

And thereby hangs this tale.

Amos and Willie joined the army. Amos didn't exactly join—he just went in the hope of escaping from his accurate and emphatic wife Camilla and his hateful fate of champion potato-peeler. Of course in the army, his flat feet, which were the wonder and admiration of the doctors, qualified him only as a kitchen policeman . . . and more potatoes and still more potatoes. On the way over Amos learned something about dice. Once in France, they went on a wonderful A. W. O. L., which lasted three weeks and included a glorious bust with a Senegalese soldier, an unexpected trip to the front, capture by the Germans, the rescue of the heroic young Second Looey, Steve Rhinehart, and a march back to the American lines in unexpected triumph.

But hold! The thrill of discovery must not be denied.

"Two Black Crows in the A. E. F." is a book to read aloud and chortle over, to quote ad lib. and to tell your friends they mustn't miss.

The Six Proud Walkers. **By Francis Beeding. (Little, Brown & Company, Boston, $2.00).**

Another thriller for those who have been kept up into the small hours of the morning reading the author's "The Seven Sleepers" and "The House of Dr. Edwardes." Murder and intrigue—Geoffrey Carroll's daily companions after his extraordinary encounter with one of the "Six" on the Italian highway. Death—both above ground and down in the dark catacombs of Rome, looking over his shoulder, waiting.

He is captured; he is drugged; but, under the stimulus of the preparation he acquires such astounding courage as to make possible a miraculous escape. Finally, Carroll and Colonel Granby of the Secret Service set out systematically to unwind the network of intrigue into which they have been plunged, to run to earth the six proud men who walk, who do not hesitate to kill, whose activities, if they had their way, would have few limits.

Previous books by Francis Beeding have demonstrated his skill in writing mystery tales of originality and suspense. "The Six Proud Walkers" adds new, shudder-provoking situations that are sure to increase the author's reputation.

Andy Breaks Trail. **By Constance Lindsay Skinner. Decorations by Langdon Kihn. (The Macmillan Company, New York, $1.75). Juvenile.**

Lewis and Clark's expedition to Oregon was not only a great adventure in exploration. It was a new adventure in science. Did you know that they gave us our first knowledge of the antelope, the prairie dog and the grizzly bear?

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Office Employees' Association

By William T. Bonsor

THE Civil Service Committee of the Board of Supervisors held another hearing on the classification schedule on Wednesday, November 2. More than one hundred employees were present. The meeting developed into a most interesting one. The question of procedure was practically the only issue before the committee.

WILLIAM T. BONSOR

At the time the charter amendment in regard to standardization was being drafted and passed by the Board of Supervisors, it was the definite understanding among all the parties interested that when a classification was submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the Civil Service Commission that each and every employee would understand his or her place in the classification. Such, however, is not the case, and it has brought, during the many weeks of hearings before the Civil Service Committee, only protests because of vagueness in addition to the mass of protests concerning the classification itself.

We proved our contention before the committee relative to procedure. We were substantiated by Mr. Nanry of the Bureau of Governmental Research and Mr. O'Connor of the Civil Service Employees' Association, and others. We believe that the committee will follow the procedure as outlined to them in a brief submitted by our attorney, Theodore Johnson, legal advisor of the Labor Council. If such is not done we will be forced to carry our request to the full Board of Supervisors, as this is the only manner in which the rights of the men and women in the employ of the city can be protected.

We also have filed with the committee a request that the clerical workers be included in not more than three groups instead of the several groups contained in the present draft of the classification. We are convinced that numerous groups are unnecessary and only tend to complicate a condition that should be simple as it is at the present time. Numbers of groups would only tend in the future to make so many differentials in salaries that a general lowering of the standard of wages would be the inevitable result. An entrance examination qualifies one for almost any clerical position in the service, and it would be a useless waste of time and money to force on the employees unnecessary promotive examinations every time they received a $5 wage increase.

At the last meeting of the association we made additional arrangements to protect the interests of the employees of the Spring Valley Water Company when that utility is taken over by the city. It has been definitely decided to request the same wages for them that are now being paid for similar work in the various city departments. Several of the Spring Valley employees, who are members of the association, attended the meeting. We now have our charter open for employees of the company and invite them to become members by sending applications to the writer at 2940 Sixteenth Street. The entrance fee is $3 and pays the first month's dues, which are $1 a month thereafter.

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Thieler the Man

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in the banking and financial world, make him a young man pretty well known among the "Who's Who of good old San Francisco."

Mr. Thieler points out that no relief is in sight for individuals holding a Treasurer's position although the Mayor and other officials may ultimately be allowed to use facsimile signatures, in line with modern standardization processes, but the bona fide "John Hancock" has to be fixed on the dotted line when it comes to his kind of job.

If the Utility Commission Amendment had received the approval of the voters in the recent election, that proposed arrangement of handling the municipal utilities, provided among other details that the Mayor and President of the Board should register bond signatures in facsimile, doing away with personal signing; not so with the Treasurer's signature.

Treasurer Thieler consoles himself with the fact that his signature on a lithograph imprint appears exactly 1,804,000 times on the Spring Valley bond coupons. He didn't have to use his fountain pen and India ink except for the one time when he supplied the original. The last coupon bearing his name will be paid by the Treasurer's office in 1970, but he doubts very much whether he will be filling the job at that date. The people can't very well forget him.

The Accounting Department

THE Accounting Department of the Treasurer's office is an important section, as receipts and payments, after passing through the Cashier's domain, must meet the acid test of proper accounting and reporting, as the work of this branch of the office is inter-related and coördinated with such departments as the Auditor's, Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, Municipal Railway and Hetch Hetchy utility accounts, and to some degree all other parts of the city's business. More than 150 separate funds are carried on the Treasurer's ledgers, and the bookkeeping is maintained on the basis of the uniform system of municipal accounting, now in use in all of the large cities of the country.

Daily reports go to the Auditor, and other departments make use of the monthly reports furnished by the office, which include copies to the Mayor and the financial expert of the Board of Supervisors.

There is the Inheritance Tax Department of the Treasurer's office that is another unit of interesting activities which materially enter into the service of the public. Nearly $4,000,000 have been collected in taxes by the Treasurer in the last twelve months for the benefit of the state of California. In a brief synopsis justice cannot be done to the many interesting details connected with the general accounting system of the Treasurer's office or to the inhertaince tax matters and other functions of the Treasurer on behalf of the state of California along the lines of public administrator estates, superior court deposits, state refunds, etc.

Mayor Rolph will preside at the coronation ceremonies attending the Fete San Sebastian when the queen of the fiesta and maids of her court will be installed Friday night, December 14, at the Civic Auditorium.

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Veteran Firemen's Association

By John S. Farley

OUR twenty-ninth annual banquet, given on the night of November 17 in the Hotel Whitcomb Roof Garden, was one of the most successful affairs in the history of our organization. The spacious banquet hall was crowded with members and guests. During the evening an interesting entertainment program was rendered.

The following officers have been nominated for the year 1929: Charles Cullen, president; Fred Shade, first vice-president; Henry F. Horn, second vice-president; D. J. Harrison, financial secretary and collector; R. J. Courtier, treasurer; J. S. Farley, recording secretary; Charles Reinfeld, superintendent of hall; Alfred Florence, William H. Brown, Harry Tricou, Sam Baker and Archie Jensen, directors. The nominated officers are to be elected this month and will be installed at the January meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held November 13 in the hall, 368 Fell Street. The meeting was presided over by President William H. Brown.

Minutes of the previous meeting and those of a special meeting, the latter relative to funeral services for our late Comrade James J. Mullaly, were approved.

A final report of the picnic committee was received. The committee was discharged after being given a vote of thanks.

The Board of Supervisors last month adopted an ordinance that provides for the removal of weeds and noxious plants from streets and from private property. The ordinance was adopted as a protection against dangerous plants and to eliminate fire hazards.

DETECTIVE Charles W. Dorman, one of the most popular members of the San Francisco Police Department, died November 15 at St. Mary's Hospital while undergoing treatment for a fractured leg caused by a fall in an exhibition baseball game between the Elks and Shriners at Recreation Park, October 21. Mr. Dorman was 30 years old. He joined the Police Department in 1924. At the time of his death he was assigned to duty with the robbery detail. He was a brother of Detective Lester Dorman, killed at Santa Rosa in 1921, when gangsters shot down Sheriff James Petray of Sonoma County and Detective Miles Jackson of San Francisco. Detective Dorman was married only six months ago and made his home at 1700 Octavia Street. He was a member of Islam Temple Shrine and San Francisco Lodge of Elks.

HOLIDAYS ARE DANGEROUS DAYS

Municipal Conductor Guarding Kiddies During Holidays' Traffic Rush

The "Great Reconciler" Passes Fifty-first Milestone

THE "Great Reconciler" celebrated his fifty-first birthday last month. Of those fifty-one years on this mundane sphere he has served the people of San Francisco for more than half of them. He has been a judge for more than a quarter of a century.

Speaking of his Honor, Superior Court Judge Thomas F. Graham.

During the years he has been on the bench Judge Graham has brought happiness to hundreds of married couples by way of the reconciliation route. He is known over the United States as the "Great Reconciler" because of his success in bringing together estranged couples.

Judge Graham, during his more than a quarter of a century on the bench, also has granted divorces to thousands of men and women. He has awarded custody of countless children to one parent or the other. In every case, say those who have followed Judge Graham's decisions, his awards have been on the side of humanity. He has stretched the law, at times, that justice might be done by innocent children.

Judge Graham for twenty years has been presiding over one of the two probate departments of the Superior Court. During that period millions of dollars have been disposed of in his court. Thousands of estates have been administered and distributed. He holds the remarkable record of not having had one estate looted while under probate in his court. Not a penny has been lost to heirs through Judge Graham's court.

Of interest to Municipal workers is the sympathetic mind Judge Graham displays toward civil service and civil service employees. During his years as Judge of the Superior Court he has tried many cases involving civil service. He always has upheld the principle of civil service and no City employee ever "got the worst of it" in his court.

Judge Graham knows what it is to toil with his hands. He started life in San Francisco as a common laborer in the foundries. He studied law at night and was admitted to the bar while a boy. He was elected a Police Judge shortly after reaching his majority. From the Police Court he was elevated by the voters to the Superior Court and has become not only one of the most popular judges in San Francisco, but one of the most noted jurists in the State.

"Take your wife to a show once in a while and out to dinner now and then," is his advice to the husband who has grown forgetful of his winning ways of courtship days.

"Cook your husband a good meal and see to it that the buttons are sewed on his shirts," he tells the unhappy wife. They take his advice and, with few exceptions "try again" and make a go of it.

Fifty-one years is not a "ripe old age." Many men live to be 100, but few who live to be centenarians have had crowded into their lives more experiences of human frailties, love, hate, happiness and misery than has Judge Thomas F. Graham, the "Great Reconciler."

Not only is Judge Graham a legal machine, he is human—entirely human. Baseball is his hobby. He has not missed an opening league game for many years. At one time he was president of the Pacific Coast League. And, too, he also plays golf.

Tim Reardon Visits in Dixieland

TIMOTHY A. REARDON, president of the Board of Public Works, left San Francisco November 10, as a delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention in New Orleans, La. Mr. Reardon had the distinction to be the only delegate from the West to represent the Metal Trades Union at the convention — a signal honor, indeed.

TIMOTHY A. REARDON

"Tim" also represented the Steamfitters at the Iron Trades' convention held at Atlantic City, last August. The genial president of the Board of Public Works has represented the local Steamfitters at their national conventions for the last twenty years. For the last twenty-five years Mr. Reardon has been a stalwart for the labor party. It was he who fought and won the Metal Trades' famous eight-hour strike some twenty years ago.

Fred W. Meyer, commissioner of the Board of Public Works, has been spending his week-ends at the Ada Villa on the Russian River. It was rumored about City Hall that Fred held open house the latter part of last month, having invited some twenty-five guests—mostly Bozo—to participate in the festivities.

Army Transport Crews Organize

The crews of the United States Army transports, those who convoyed soldiers and sailors during the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer outbreak, from 1898 to 1902, including the names of some of those fine veterans in the city's family, have organized to petition congress to give them the same recognition as was given civilian employees participating in the World War in similar capacities. In 1926 congress passed a bill which gave the World War workers compensation and other advantages that war veterans usually receive. The Spanish War workers in the transports of 1898 to 1902 seek the same consideration.

The organization, numbering more than 300 in San Francisco, is known as the Transport and Quartermasters' Departments Service Men of the Spanish War, McKinley Fleet No. 1. George H. Raymond is Commander and J. J. Clifford, Secretary. The secretary's office is at 16 California Street, telephone Kearny 390. Any desired information can be secured at the secretary's office.

With a score of 89.80 points of a possible 100, Galileo R. O. T. C. won the annual competitive drill and exhibition for the Commandant's Cup at Kezar Stadium November 23.

Parks and Museums

By W. M. Strother

THE Gold Star Mothers of America held their dedicatory exercises on Sunday, November 11, Armistice Day, at Heroes' Grove in Golden Gate Park between Tenth and Funston avenues. Park Superintendent John McLaren had suggested to them that it be a part of their annual program to plant a tree at this Grove. In accordance with the suggestion a new redwood was set out by the Mothers themselves, during the ceremonies. There are approximately 600 trees now in the Grove and it is planned to have one for each of the 614 San Francisco boys who gave their lives in the World War. An address was given by Congresswoman Florence P. Kahn and the presentation of the colors by Police Chief Daniel J. O'Brien and a representative of Mayor James Rolph, Jr. Phillip Sapiro and the Municipal Band furnished the music. The Heroes' Grove is in the care of Foreman Albert Chaquette and his crew.

The Great Highway grading and paving and the completion of the Esplanade between Fulton Street and Lincoln Way will be finished in a few weeks and thus will be opened to the public one of the very finest and most scenic boulevards in the world, extending for the three miles from the Cliff House to Fleishhacker Playfield. The Board of Supervisors has made for the Park Commission an appropriation of $90,000, which will be used by Park Superintendent John McLaren to furnish soil, fertilizer, etc., and for planting of strips of lawn and ornamental shrubbery for the Highway, as well as for the footpaths, and the general parking of this great boulevard.

The widening and paving of South Drive in Golden Gate Park from Waller Street to Third Avenue and Lincoln Way has been completed, giving a fast passageway through the Park from the down-town districts to Sunset. Now that this work and the addition to Kezar Stadium are completed Superintendent McLaren is having large cedar and pine trees transplanted alongside the stadium walls, and as many of the rhododendrons that formerly were planted in Rhododendron Dell as there is room for set out between the walls and the new walk along the South Drive. There also will be a small Dell with shrubs on each side, similar to their previous manner of planting. Foreman J. J. Campbell is busy with his crew on this work.

One of the places that will profit by the decrease in the rhododendrons near Kezar will be a hill across the walk from the Garden of Shakespeare's Flowers, near the end of the Academy of Sciences building. The hill is being covered with the shrubs by Foreman Robert Owens. The planting will present a beautiful sight when the flowers are in bloom next spring.

Superintendent McLaren has completed the annual planting of tulip bulbs; this year 150,000 have been set out, and consequently a wonderful color display is promised in all the parks for next spring. Foreman J. Skinner set out about 80,000 in the "Valley" in front of the Conservatory in Golden Gate Park, among the pansies, and others have been planted in other sections. Thomas A. Munro, Superintendent of Small Parks and Squares, disposed of about 40,000 at the Civic Center, 12,000 at Union Square, and many others in Mission Park, Lafayette Square, Alta Plaza and elsewhere.

Nurseryman Peter Rock is busy with the fall cuttings of which he makes about 200,000 every year. These are being set out in the propagating beds at the Nursery in Golden Gate Park, and they include innumerable varieties of plants, shrubs, and trees. Among them are many of the escallonia, ornamental shrubs, including the improved escallonia Rockii, named for Peter Rock. He originated this variety several years ago by cross pollination of the montevidiensis and macrantha varieties.

Superintendent McLaren has secured from the University of California Citrus Experiment Station at Riverside, a supply of coccophagus, diplosis, and pullus parasites, imported from Australia, to fight the mealy bug pests in Golden Gate Park. Erick Walther has been assigned the duty to supervise the war between these hosts. It is anticipated that $1500 a year will be saved the Park Commission by making unnecessary a large part of the spraying that is regularly occasioned by the necessity of getting rid of the mealy bugs.

Carl G. Larsen, pioneer founder of the Tivoli Cafe and one of the builders of old North Hall at the University of California, who gave to the City the Golden Gate Heights site for a park and also the two blocks that have been parked and named for him in the Sunset District, died on November 5. He was born in Odense, Denmark, in 1844, and came to San Francisco in 1879.

An excellent model of the proposed improvement of McLaren Park was displayed at the California Food and Home Appliance Exposition at the Civic Auditorium the last week in October. It was designed and the erection of it will be supervised by Julius Girod and T. M. Grabow of Superintendent McLaren's staff.

Extra! Extra!! Extra!!!

Herbert Hoover has cancelled his South American tour!

Two extras!!

He has given up any idea of occupying the White House!!

And he has taken up his residence in Golden Gate Park!

Scandal!

A cardinal in bear's clothing!

But wait, gentle reader! There's a catch in all this! Herbert Hoover is a little black bear, that was the pampered mascot of the sailor boys on the U. S. S. Lexington, airplane carrier, and his owners have given him to the Park Commission. He now occupies a cage at the bear pits in Golden Gate Park—a new

charge for Paul McHugh, who has the duty of keeping all the bruins happy.

Pat Meehan, who is in charge of the aviary also has some new pets. These are two African Numidian cranes, very tall and very dignified in their gray slate-colored suits and white top-knots.

An unusual sports event took place at the Golden Gate Park bowling greens on October 9. It was the series of games between the San Francisco Scottish Bowling Club and the New Zealand Lawn Bowlers. The latter came here at the end of a nine months' good will tour of the world, after visiting India, Egypt, various countries of Europe, Canada, and the eastern United States. The score in the games here stood San Francisco, 66; New Zealand, 56. The New Zealanders started their trip from Wellington on February 10. They had credentials from their government as well as from the bowlers of their country.

Several important football games took place at Kezar Stadium during the last month. The Army-Navy game, November 10, attracted the largest crowd, as was expected. The military and naval pageantry and ceremonial events put on by the teams and their respective sponsors were striking and interesting. The score stood 40 to 0 in favor of the Army. Other games resulted as follows:

Nov. 11—Olympic Club	13	St. Ignatius	0
Nov. 17—Gonzaga Univ.	27	St. Ignatius	0
Nov. 18—St. Mary's Coll.	0	Olympic C.	0

Clarence Terhune, the 19-year-old stowaway on the dirigible Graf Zeppelin, and who attracted world-wide attention as the first aerial free passenger of this type, was at one time a caddy at the Lincoln Park golf links. Stowing-away seems to be his fad, as he got free rides this way on the S. S. Malolo and also, it is said, on the California.

Miss Sumi Hagawara, granddaughter of the late M. Hagawara, founder of the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, was married at 5 P. M. on November 21, to Shideru S. Nagata, a prominent florist of the Marina. The wedding was performed at the Buddhist temple on Pine Street, between Gough and Octavia, in traditional Japanese style.

Dedication of the bronze bust of William Shakespeare, given by former Senator James D. Phelan, will take place this month at the Garden of Shakespeare's Flowers in Golden Gate Park. The Stratford-upon-Avon Players, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Flower, both of whom are former Mayors of Stratford-upon-Avon, the poet's birthplace, will fill an engagement at the Geary Theatre from December 17 to 29, and the Flowers will arrive on the ninth. During their stay, the dedication of the bust will take place. Miss Katherine Chandler, President of the California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association, sponsors of the Garden, announces that every plant mentioned by Shakespeare has now been secured and will be set out in the Park.

Armand Dupuis, former grand opera singer, but for the last several years a member of the staff of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, sang three beautiful baritone solos at the luncheon of the San Francisco Club at the Palace Hotel on November 17.

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De Young Memorial Museum

THE most important announcement made in a long time, relative to the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, was given out at the annual luncheon of the San Francisco Club, Auxiliary to the Museum, at the Palace Hotel on November 17 by Mr. George T. Cameron, Honorary President of the Board of Trustees. The old Egyptian building and the Royal Bavarian Palace, which together formed the original Museum building, are to be torn down at once and their location again parked, while a new unit of the Museum is to be built, immediately to the rear of the central tower and joined to it.

The new unit will be about 175 by 164 feet in size. In the center will be a large, high-ceiling court, about forty-two by ninety-six feet in dimensions, paved with marble. In the middle of the area surrounding this will be a marble paved corridor and opening on both sides will be galleries, adding to the Museum a total of twenty-one new exhibition rooms. Special studies have been made by the architect, Frederick H. Meyer, and his associates, Mark T. Jorgensen and Lawrence H. Keyser, to provide the most effective possible lighting system and to have the new unit embody the very latest ideas in scientific museum construction.

Across the rear of the unit it is planned to have a group of four Colonial rooms, including a living room, dining room, bedroom and kitchen. Other period galleries also will be worked out and appropriate furnishings, paintings and other exhibits arranged.

The main entrance to the Museum will remain in its present location, but the check and officers' rooms will be changed to provide a passage way to the new galleries, of architectural beauty and dignity. The offices will be placed at the front of the present building, ranged on both sides of the tower. It is expected that the new construction will be completed by next summer.

The Museum was the outgrowth of the California Midwinter International Exposition of 1894, and it was due mainly to the foresight and energy of the late General de Young that it was started. Mr. de Young, besides giving a large number of exhibits, was the donor of all of the present building except the parts that are to be torn down and a section of nine galleries back of these, which are to be used for storage and work rooms.

The December lecture schedule of the Museum is as follows: The second, Louis C. Towne, textile galleries; the fifth and ninth, Miss Helen Gordon Barker, Hall of Antiquities; the twelfth and sixteenth, Mr. Towne, ceramic galleries; the nineteenth and twenty-third, Miss Barker, Statuary Hall; the twenty-sixth and thirtieth, Mr. Towne, ecclesiastical galleries. The lectures are given every Wednesday at 2 p. m. and every Sunday at 4 p. m. The public is invited.

In a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting November 26, a law and legislative committee will be appointed to draft a measure for presentation to the next Legislature, seeking transfer of control of the San Francisco water front from the state to the city. The measure is to provide for the transfer and the appointment of a Board of Harbor Commissioners to be named by the Mayor. The resolution seeking the transfer was introduced by Supervisor William P. Stanton.

Palace of the Legion of Honor

THE Southwest Exhibition, consisting of 133 oil and water-color paintings, etchings and lithographic crayon drawings, representing eleven of the members of the Santa Fe art colony and sixteen of the Taos colony of New Mexico, opened on November 1 for a two months' stay at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor. Three galleries are taken up with the collection, which is attracting increasing interest.

The Santa Fe artists included are: Frank Applegate, Jozef Bakos, Raymond Jonson, Willard Nash, B. J. O. Nordfeldt, Howard Patterson, Alfred Schmidt, Will Shuster, John Sloan, Carlos Vierra and Robert Walker. The Taos group consists of Kenneth M. Adams, O. E. Berninghaus, Ernest Blumenschein, Dorothy Brett, E. Irving Couse, R. M. (Dick) Crisler, Andrew Dasburg, W. Herbert Dunton, Nicolai Fechin, Victor Higgins, Eleanora Kissel, J. Ward Lockwood, Loren Mozeley, Bert G. Phillips, J. H. Sharp and Walter Ufer.

These artists have presented a colorful and interesting exhibition illustrative of the humanity, life and landscapes of the American Southwest.

Following the present special exhibition permanent collections will be restored to view in January, while beginning February 8, 1929, and extending until the first week in March there will be on view a collection of 100 American paintings from the Grand Central Galleries in New York. Among the noted artists to be represented will be John Singer Sargent, George de Forest Brush, Charles W. Hawthorne, Emil Carlsen, Frederick Waugh, Paul Dougherty, John Sloan, Randall Davey, C. F. Ryder, Eugene Savage, John E. Costigan and Walt Kuhn.

Dr. Cornelia B. Sage Quinton, Director of the Palace, reports that inquiries are coming in from Europe as well as from all parts of America, from artists desiring to exhibit in the great American Sculpture Exposition to be held at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor for six months beginning April 1, 1929. Announcement of this event was made in the October issue of The Municipal Employee.

Former Senator James D. Phelan has made an important gift to the Palace, consisting of a beautiful marble bust of Miss Helen Wills, women's world champion tennis player, whose home is in Berkeley. The bust is life size and was done last year by Haig Patigian, former President of the Bohemian Club.

Another gift, made anonymously, is that of a fine oil painting by the noted American artist, Edward W. Redfield. This picture took a gold medal at the 1915 Exposition.

The Board of Directors of the California Development Association has taken steps to make safety precautions a mandatory study in the curriculum of California schools, after a plan originated by State Superintendent of Schools John William Cooper. The directors voted last month to appoint a committee to furnish subject material for a safety manual to be used in the schools.

One week after his retirement, Stephen Clark, 60, for thirty years a member of the San Francisco Police Department, dropped dead of a heart attack, November 23. Mr. Clark collapsed near his home, 2067 Folsom Street, and was dead on being taken to Mission Emergency Hospital. The funeral, largely attended, was held November 26.

Who's Who in Spring Valley

WHEN San Francisco was a little baby town rocked in the cradle of the gold hunters, the Rassette House arose within a stone's throw of Clark's Point to provide lodging and good cheer for the more prosperous arrivals. The Rassette House was named after its owner, one of the outstanding men of '49. Rassette House had its period of splendor and disappeared. It is honorably enshrined in San Francisco history. And Sam J. Rassette, son of the owner of the old Rassette House, is enshrined in the hearts of San Franciscans too multitudinous to count.

SAM J. RASSETTE

Sam Rassette is not one of the very youngest people in the employ of Spring Valley Water Company, but he is one of the most active, one of the most kindly, and one of the most youthful in spirit. For years he has been engaged in the delicate task of collecting those water bills that water consumers are negligent about paying. There are many reasons why consumers allow their water bills to fall into arrears, and it is not necessary to go into them here. Suffice it to say that Sam Rassette saunters forth and brings in the money. He does it in his own distinctive way, and he does it with such good humor and such deep understanding of human nature that he always leaves them laughing when he says goodbye. Water consumers have been known to say that they would rather have a receipted bill from Sam to preserve as a priceless souvenir than all the filthy lucre he collects in the course of a day—and that is a lot of money.

Once upon a time an editor suggested to Sam Rassette that he write a serial to be called "San Franciscans I Have Met." Sam pointed out that the book had been written. When the surprised editor asked for an explanation, Sam replied: "It is called the San Francisco Directory."

If he ever does write a book, there will be a great deal in it about the inherent honesty and kindness of human nature. Sam believes in his fellow man, and is not routed out of his cheerful philosophy when he meets an occasional person who does not measure up to the average. He is an optimist. He is a very faithful servant of his company. And he is a very sincere lover of the city with which his honored name has been associated ever since the first days of the gold rush.

Two tons of turkeys and the customary trimmings, were bought by the City of San Francisco for Thanksgiving dinners this year. Patients at the Laguna Honda Home, the San Francisco Hospital and other institutions were given a real Thanksgiving spread.

Under a resolution of the Board of Supervisors, home owners of the Crocker-Amazon Tract, Forest Hill and Forest Hill Extension will have to pay one-half of the cost to recondition the streets in the three districts. The other half will be paid by the city.

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Why Some Officers Turn Gray

JUST now thirty-five thousand San Francisco men and women are receiving letters that, uniformly, do not bring as much cheer as letters that contain outside the envelope the words: "Do not open until Christmas."

Thomas Mulvey is busy at his annual job of sending letters to San Franciscans. Mr. Mulvey is the San Francisco jury commissioner and it devolves upon him to see to it that the sixteen Superior Courts are supplied with jurors at all times. It is not an entirely pleasant or an easy job.

Mr. Mulvey and his staff are busied the year round in preparing the jury lists. Of the 35,000 citizens sent notifications to report at City Hall for possible jury duty, not more than 4,000 are chosen during the year.

Many persons are excused because of ill-health—real or imaginary. Others get off because they are doctors or newspaper workers. For some unaccounted reason no lawyer will accept for jury service a newspaper man or woman. Others are excused from duty through cleverly delivered prevarication.

On the other hand, some of the most successful business men of San Francisco readily respond when called for jury duty and serve without complaint, although at times such service may mean a distinct financial loss to them.

By and large, however, citizens do not relish the idea of serving on juries at the rate of $2.00 a day in civil cases and $3.00 a day in criminal cases. The excuses offered, to evade jury service, are many and varied. They range from alleged deafness to asserted intention to tour Europe. Mr. Mulvey, through long experience, has learned to see through most of the excuses and it is only the man or woman with something new and novel in the way of an excuse that can get off the jury panel.

Many are called; few are chosen by the jury commissioner. For the next several weeks there will be long lines of citizens in front of Mr. Mulvey's desk in Room 480, City Hall. Some come with sad looks; others with indignant attitude, while others, like Sambo, are "jes' plain skeered." The belligerent ones crowd up, usually, to the counter and state their ideas in tones loud and plain. They do not get very far.

To listen to the excuses offered by those called for jury duty would cause an innocent bystander to form the opinion that San Francisco is indeed a most unhappy city. All of the ills and the woes that a man is heir to seem to be represented in the daily line of jury dodgers.

"My business needs me; we are going broke as it is," wails one. He neglects to say his income tax this year will be larger than ever before.

"I'm sick—just dying on my feet," says another. "I have a severe cold." He forces a dry cough.

"I can't hear good," bemoans another in answer to a softly spoken question as to what is his excuse.

"I have a one-man business that needs my personal attention at all times," laments a prosperous-looking individual who is head of a large department store.

Mr. Mulvey nearly fainted one day when a man came in and announced he would be glad to do his duty as a citizen and to serve on the jury if called upon.

"What is your name?" asked Mr. Mulvey.

"Rudolph Spreckels," came the answer.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. EUGENE E. SCHMITZ, three times Mayor of San Francisco, and one of the most prominent figures in the city's political life, died of a heart attack at the family home, 3127 Franklin Street, early on the morning of November 20. Mr. Schmitz was born in San Francisco and was 64 years old. At the time of his death he was engaged in the real estate business and also in mining.

Funeral services were held November 22 in St. Brigid's Church. Hundreds of associates of the former Mayor attended. The funeral cortege moved from the home to the church. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Monsignor James P. Cantwell, pastor of St. Brigid, assisted by Rev. William E. McGough. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery and was private.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Julia A. Schmitz, and two daughters—Sister Isabel of the Order of St. Dominic and Miss Evelyn Schmitz.

THE personnel of County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy's office was deeply shocked November 15 to hear of the sudden death of Milton M. Davis, for twenty-two years chief deputy county clerk.

Mr. Davis' death was unexpected. He had been ill for several days of influenza and had returned to work Wednesday, November 14. Apparently he had fully recovered and was looking in better health than he had for several weeks.

His best friends did not suspect that he was sick and many joked with him on his fine appearance. That night he went home, became suddenly ill and was rushed to St. Francis Hospital, where he died.

Milton M. Davis was born in California fifty-six years ago. At an early age he was admitted to the California Bar, but did not actively engage in law practice, although his duties as chief clerk under Mr. Mulcrevy daily called for knowledge of the law.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Mission Parlor of Native Sons, and a member of the Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. He also was active as a member of the Foresters of America and held high offices in that lodge.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Nora Davis; a son, Milton M. Davis, Jr.; and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Boothby, and two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Rothman and Mrs. Tena Doyle. The funeral was held Sunday, November 18, and was largely attended. A guard of honor from the County Clerk's office attended. Rabbi Jacob Nieto officiated at the funeral. Interment was in Hills of Eternity Cemetery.

CHARLES J. COMYNS, 59, a deputy in the office of Registrar of Voters J. Harry Zemansky, and one of the most popular attaches in the Registrar's department, died suddenly at his home, 2327 Cabrillo Street, Monday night, October 30.

Mr. Comyns not only was one of the best known figures at the City Hall, but was equally known in Government circles for many years. He entered Federal service in 1895 and was assigned to duty in Government bonded warehouses. He remained in Federal service until 1911 when, after passing the Civil Service examination with high marks, he was appointed to a deputyship in the Tax Collector's office. He remained there until two years ago, when he was transferred to Mr. Zemansky's office. Mr. Comyns also was a member of the State Bar Association.

Funeral services were held October 31 from the chapel of Halstead & Company, 1123 Sutter Street. A requiem mass was said at St. Monica's Church, Twenty-fourth Avenue and Geary Street. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mr. Comyns left a legion of friends who mourn his passing. Surviving him is his widow, Mrs. Alice Comyns.

Services were conducted at Mission Dolores Church, Sixteenth and Dolores streets, Tuesday morning, November 27, for Patrolman Frederick Spooncer of Central Police Station, killed at Ellis and Taylor streets, November 24, when directing traffic during a two-alarm fire. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. Patrolman Spooncer was appointed to the Police Department in 1917 and was one of the department's most efficient officers. He formerly was a member of the Fire Department. Surviving are the widow and three children.

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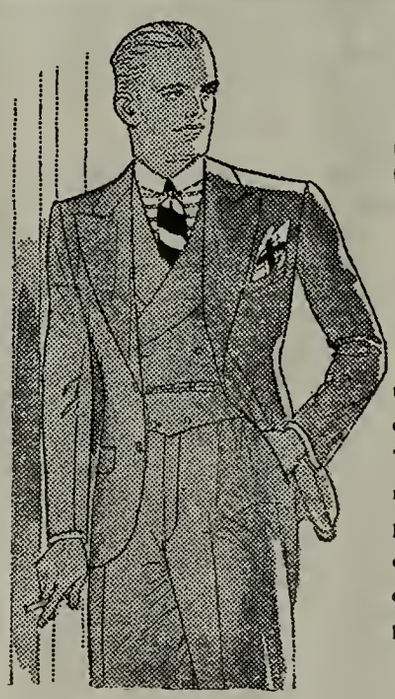

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THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

By J. Everett Sharp

FOR a week or ten days the Auditor's department has been enlivened by discussions entirely foreign to the business matters of the office. To begin with, Chief Clerk Henry Ingwersen is pluming himself over his successes with the half dozen nymphs who for long have been receiving instruction and coaching at the various natatorial events, every one of them having issued a prize winner. These were the Misses Irma Hummel, Helen Zabriskie, Phyllis Myatt, Mildred Bowers and Emily Olsen. But it is not that alone; now that they have attained to the highest local honors as amateur mermaids they have assumed a high-brow attitude and all are acting with equally conspicuous success as usherettes at the Symphony Concerts. The next concert you attend, pay attention to the graceful strokes of their arms in pointing you to your seat and whisper to yourself: "That is what Henry Ingwersen can accomplish when he sets out on a training campaign." Of course, they do not strive to reproduce the Australian crawl stroke when performing this act.

The second item of interest is the return of Bond Clerk Al. Glidden as a delegate to the Spanish War Veterans' convention at Havana, Cuba. Considering the special favors met with by Al., it is small wonder that he hasn't a chest like a pouter pigeon. Instead, he is so modest over it all one finds it difficult to draw him out.

His narrative, however, when once he gets launched, is so extended that this editor regrets only brief excerpts can be given. Let Al. tell it in part himself:

"At the outset, I want to say that all of us Californians at the convention pulled valiantly to have Oakland the next convention city, but the preponderance of voting gave it to Denver. I am not going to detail any of the experiences on the way down and through the marvelous Canal Zone except that off the lower Mexican coast we ran into an eighty-mile hurricane that tested the endurance of many of the boys and sent some of them to bed.

"At Balboa we were serenaded by the Canal Zone Engineers' band and entertained in fine form by the Canal Zone Veterans, who saw to it that we missed few of the worth-while sights.

"At Colon we had another serenade by the United States Army band and then made the direct run to Havana.

"I shall never forget Cuba. You ask me and I will tell you that Havana is a city of more delightful surprises than any other of its size anywhere—the old and historical merged with the new and progressive—and a greeting by the populace which might have been accorded to a newly installed president. This brings me to the presidential reception in the president's palace, a really huge structure well down toward the waterfront across from Morro Castle. The reception was given to the officers of the battleship *Texas* and the 'big guns' of the Spanish War veterans. I don't know just how it came about that I was the only one of the Pacific Coast delegates to attend this wonderful affair which had all the atmosphere associated with the old historic Roman banquets; tables laden with every variety of choice foods, and servitors in spotless white carrying trays heavily laden with champagne, which was as free as water. As we entered the palace the steps in approach were lined with Cuban army officers in their white uniforms, rendered more picturesque by the big African helmets which they wore, and all saluted as we passed in. It was my pleasure to meet President Machado and to be introduced to his wife and two charming young daughters just out of their teens.

"During the reception the Cuban Government band played a wide variety of airs in the patio of the palace and after the ceremonies the "Dixie Peaches," a concert band of girls from Memphis, Tennessee, brought by the Tennessee veterans, played for the president and his family. At this time for the first time in their experience, the daughters of President Machado were permitted to be photographed at a public gathering.

"You want to know my opinion of Havana beauties? Well, the younger ones are certainly wonderful; the visibility is about the same as amongst our own—some wear them higher and some lower, but the difference is not marked. The great parade along the Malecon, considered by many globe-trotters the most beautiful waterfront promenade in the world, was spectacular in the extreme. It was taken part in by the Cuban army to the extent of more than 30,000 uniformed men, and everywhere along the line of march it was with the greatest difficulty that the over-enthusiastic crowds were held in check. Everywhere *'Vivas Americanos'* made the air heavy with raucous sounds, the blare of trumpets and the heavy tramp of marching thousands. Yes, I take my hat off to Cuba and the Cubans. Like San Francisco, they 'know how.'"

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater, Jr.

AS PREDICTED, the annual banquet held November 10 at the Elks' Club was a huge success from every angle. The food was excellent and the entertainment engaged by Ray Grier was all that could be desired. Eddie Healey kept the boys laughing with stories told in his inimitable way. The music was furnished by Larry Sangster's orchestra, of which our own Charlie Hiden is banjoist.

The guests included Assistant City Engineer Clyde E. Healy, representing Chief O'Shaughnessy, who was unable to attend owing to a previous engagement; Supervisors Franck R. Havenner and Andrew J. Gal-

lagher; John J. O'Connell, of the San Francisco Labor Council; Harold Stahle, chief of the Division of Surveys, and the honorary members of Local 11, Theodore Tominski, retired Inspector of Streets, and John Schlotzhauer, retired Surveyor. Timothy Riordan, President of the Board of Public Works, and Fred Shutts, Chief Inspector, were unable to attend.

Between courses short talks were made by Messrs. Healy, Gallagher, O'Connell and Havenner, with John Casey presiding. A complete bass fishing outfit was presented by the members to Surveyor Schlotzhauer, who retired October 31. Harold Stahle made an admirable presentation speech.

John Casey, our able president, is looking after the city's interests along Alemany Boulevard between Orizaba Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard.

Howard Miller, Sergeant-at-Arms, was not present at the banquet. He was "crashing the gate" at another social function. It appears that Howard is after "One-eye" Connolly's record.

Markle was transferred to Eggert's party after spending twenty-two months under Garen's supervision. Carl says he is now a full-fledged Garen-trained engineer.

Richard Fisher recently was appointed as Surveyor's field assistant. He is getting initiated into the art of dragging an invar tape through the mud in Flamm's party. Incidentally, Dick joined the organization.

Inspector Huff is hard at work on the Ocean Beach Esplanade. Lots of fog and bad weather out there, eh, wot, Captain?

Harry Brook is running the transit and level. Muller was getting so fat that Eggert put him to driving stakes to get him trained down. Boy, that is a team—Muller and Markle.

We noticed the Garbarino twins (Jim and Andy) at the banquet sitting side by side. Dave Hult was not far away.

Flamm has been in the sticks laying out roads in McLaren Park. As usual, Farnum turned the angles.

Never knew we had singers in the organization until after the banquet when the pathetic strains of "Sweet Ad-da-line" emanating from those song-birds, Hiden and Purser, floated around the dining room.

M. Klein, recently appointed as Inspector of Streets and Sewers, was made a member of Local 11.

Coghlan had a nice line and grade job recently in Glen Park. He set the stakes for the curbs on Congo Street, Martha and Stillings avenues.

Hult was transferred to Jones' party after working with Eggert for nearly three years.

Elmo Fenton has returned to work with Coughlan's party after being away for some time.

Since Cliff Jones was promoted to surveyor, Doc Giberson has been running transit and still doing two men's work.

Don't forget to attend the next meeting on December 5. Nominations for officers are still open. Show your officers that you appreciate the work they are doing in your behalf by attending the meetings. Get the holiday spirit and show up. Even Manelli has promised to be there.

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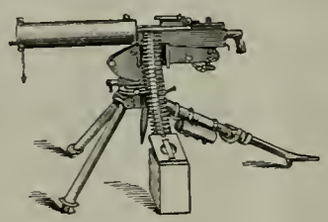

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mand of the first battalion, consisting of the first, second and third drill companies. Captain Herbert J. Wright of Company G commanded the second battalion, consisting of the fourth, fifth and sixth drill including the traffic bureau and the mounted platoon.

The police band of fifty pieces was in charge of Lieutenant Richard F. Foley of the Southern Police Station.

Each of the nine companies was composed of forty-two patrolmen, two lieutenants, two sergeants and six corporals commanded by a captain.

The soldierly bearing and the military precision so noticeable during the inspection and review, and in the parade down Market Street, showed how thoroughly the men of the San Francisco Police Department had profited by months of preparatory drills and intensive study of the "Manual of Military Maneuvers."

The Mayor Honors Sergeant Walsh

IN GRATEFUL appreciation of faithful service as his special attendant during his tenure of office, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., has presented a Gold Star to Detective Sergeant Thomas P. Walsh.

Presentation was made by the Mayor, in his office, just prior to the Annual Review by his Honor and the Police Commission of San Francisco's "finest." Sergeant Walsh was the first personal appointee of Mayor Rolph's. The gift was made at the suggestion of the Mayor's father, who was a warm friend of Sergeant Walsh when the latter patrolled a "beat" in the financial district of San Francisco.

It was a graceful gesture on the part of Mayor Rolph and with that act expressed gratitude of appreciation and friendliness for one of his most faithful followers.

After the presentation Sergeant Walsh accompanied the Mayor and Police Commission during their inspection and review of the San Francisco Police Department.

The November business report of San Francisco's municipal airport at Mills Field shows 1923 flights and 3112 passengers, a gain of more than 300 per cent over November of last year. Flights have totaled 20,601, and passengers 27,215, since Mills Field opened in May, 1927, with each month recording a steady business increase.

THE County Clerk's office is self-supporting. The following figures are interesting:

1. Office receipts, fiscal year, 1927-28—$327,-093.13. Disbursements, including salaries of eighty clerks—$196,906.63. Balance to Treasurer, $130,-186.50.

2. Civil suits filed, fiscal year, 1927-28—13,081. Marriage licenses issued same period, 6,327. Marriage licenses issued, 1906 to 1927—130,496.

3. Criminal actions filed last fiscal year, 1,168.

4. Since 1905 the County Clerk's office receipts have reached a total of $1,194, 760.95.

Playgrounds

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the corn, the wind fairies and those in the vineyard dance. The characteristic fall setting with cornstalks, and pumpkins, and farm atmosphere were charming.

The ever-active brownies, the boyish tumbleweeds, the scarecrows and country dancers offered plenty of movement, action and enthusiasm. One very effective and entertaining part of the program was the harmonica band directed by Charles Ray Cate. The boys surprised the entire audience with their unusual ability to play. The song ensemble also was effective.

This "Fall Festival" has helped in the great movement to vitalize the poetic and to make people see. "It is the people who see that have moved the world." Jane Addams is a poet working in terms of humanity. Galileo was a poet working in terms of astronomy. Nations are judged, not by their natural resources or the wealth their citizens have, but by the human beings they produce. And the right use of the dramatic instinct tends to develop human beings.

Robert Munson Wins Promotion

THE many friends of Robert Munson, deputy county clerk since 1907, are congratulating him on his appointment to the position of Chief Deputy County Clerk. He was appointed by County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy to succeed the late Milton M. Davis, who died suddenly November 15.

"Bob" Munson entered the County Clerk's office twenty-one years ago. He took a leave of absence during the war and served with the 347th Field Artillery overseas. He was promoted to Personnel Sergeant. His buddies of the regiment have honored him by electing him president of the social organization of the regiment that each year holds a big reunion in San Francisco.

At the annual reunion and banquet of the regiment in San Francisco last month Mr. Munson was presented with a white gold watch, suitably engraved, in recognition of his two years' service as president of the organization.

The elevation of "Bob" Munson to the post of Chief Deputy County Clerk met with approval of the entire eighty other employees of the County Clerk and also of his former ex-service men friends.. Mr. Munson earned his promotion. He has served in every department of the County Clerk's office and knows all details of the intricate work of that important office. A year ago when the growth of business in the office made necessary the creation of the post of superintendent, Mr. Mulcrevy appointed "Bob" Munson to the place. His promotion to the chief deputyship came as a natural one.

County Clerk Mulcrevy made no mistake in making Mr. Munson his first lieutenant.

The following transfers have been announced by Chief of Police O'Brien:

Effective November 14: Lieutenant Joseph Mignola from the Detective Bureau to Company E; Lieutenant Frederick O'Neill from the Detective Bureau to Company C; Lieutenant Grover Coats from Company C, and Lieutenant James Malloy from Company E, both to the Detective Bureau.

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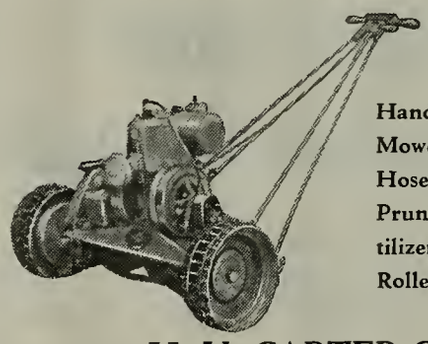

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Our Industrial Picture

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THERE are 31 privately owned hydro-electric power stations in Northern California and 9 steam plants, making a total of 41 plants in this part of the state, including the city's Moccasin Creek power house, that are generating electric power with which to irrigate the fertile farms of our back country and to run the industrial machinery of San Francisco. These plants generate 1,000,000 H. P.

In addition to the above, the Great Western Power Company is now constructing the first unit of the new $20,000,000 steam stand-by generating station at Hunter's Point. This is not only an indication of the industrial growth that is taking place, but it is further evidence of our ability to invite new industries.

THE plans of the Western Pacific Railroad Company to spend $4,500,000 in constructing lines along the peninsula bay shore augur well for the industrial growth which is contemplated for the 45 miles of industrial shore line on the west side of the bay.

A deep-water industrial harbor is being constructed now at Redwood City on the properties of the Belle Haven Corporation. Here there are three dredges at work shaping the first ship channel and turning basin. The belt line railroad will be laid within a few weeks, and when completed we shall have an industrial development of importance which will offer sites to large industries at comparatively low prices.

At San Carlos, we have the San Francisco Bay Terminals, and while temporarily marking time, this deep-water construction will undoubtedly be developed in due course and afford additional industrial acreage in large quantities.

Being within the switching limits of San Francisco and affording abundant industrial acreage, South San Francisco presents an attractive set-up. By supplying low priced lands within the terminal area, South San Francisco supplements the facilities of industrial San Francisco and makes it possible for us to offer a variety of land prices to the industrial prospect. Industrial sites can be secured there at as low as 6 cents per square foot, and the South San Francisco Land & Improvement Company is now putting into first-class condition 100 acres of industrial property at an expenditure of $100,000. This acreage is being completely leveled and spur tracks are being laid to serve the new development, which will accommodate a considerable number of new industries. Investment in industrial plants already located in South San Francisco totals more than $31,000,000.

FARTHER north, a new tract is contemplated, and at this time awaits only a permit from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for a drill track crossing over the Bay Shore Highway. Here, at first, about forty acres of high-class industrial property will be developed. Additional acreage can be incorporated later.

Still farther toward the center of San Francisco is the Paul Tract which has been the scene of marked industrial activity during the past few years. Here we have such fine new plants as the Kroehler Manufacturing Company, D. M. Ferry & Company, Pacific Can Company, Premier Bed and Spring Company, Electric Storage Battery Company, etc.

The adjoining tract, known as the Gardner Tract,

contains 25 acres of first-class industrial property where vegetable gardens will soon give way to high-class industrial development.

The Islais Creek Reclamation Project, which will expand our industrial lands by 280 acres, will be completed by the first part of 1930. Here a sea wall will be built and the Islais Creek channel dredged so that ships can be brought directly into the property. This will afford smaller parcels at higher prices for headquarters of concerns desiring to warehouse their goods for distribution from San Francisco to the eleven Western states.

Development of aircraft industry presents problems entirely unlike those of any other industry. An aircraft manufacturer must have airfield facilities at hand for testing craft. For this reason, it becomes impractical to offer sites to the prospective manufacturer of aircraft as one does to any other type of manufacturer, and accordingly, the Industrial Committee has appointed a sub-committee to study ways and means of securing an industrial airport on the peninsula which will furnish available sites for aircraft manufacturers adjacent to an adequate testing field.

It would be futile to expect to progress in accordance with the new development features outlined above if we did not make them known to our industrial prospects. The Industrial Committee, for a considerable period, has been working to secure funds for industrial advertising, and finally an agreement has been reached with Californians, Inc., so that a portion of the funds of that organization wll be used for advertising industrial factors of San Francisco. This is a part of our sales program.

A new era is beginning for San Francisco. It is the industrial development era. San Francisco has always been the industrial center of the Pacific Coast, but this was by virtue of natural location and facilities. Now we are supplying the factors which have been lacking or which are in need of development.

It would be hard to find another period in the history of San Francisco when so many significant projects were under way simultaneously. We should be excused for viewing the situation with both pride and confidence. Especially is this the case when we find that the United States Government census figures, just released, show San Francisco proper to have gained $11,000,000 in the value of manufactured product over 1925 production, and that during the first ten months of 1928 San Francisco has gained 121 new industries.

Why "Jim" Wilson Smiles

James A. ("Jim") Wilson, happy, efficient cashier of County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy's office, is basking in sunshine these days. Mr. Wilson, who also is grand president of the Native Sons of the Golden West, is the proud possessor of a personal letter from Herbert Hoover, President-elect of the United States.

The letter is in answer to a telegram sent by Mr. Wilson on behalf of the Native Sons congratulating Mr. Hoover on his success and hailing him as "an adopted Native Son." Mr. Hoover wrote: "Dear Mr. Wilson: I am grateful for your message. I deeply appreciate the friendship it conveys. Faithfully yours, Herbert Hoover."

Captain John F. Dailey of Chemical Engine 6, for twenty years a member of the Fire Department, was retired December 3, as a result of injuries suffered a year ago in an automobile accident.

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ERNEST BLOCH, eminent composer and musician who recently returned to San Francisco from the East, was honored by the Board of Supervisors at their regular session, November 19, by the following resolution presented by Supervisor Franck R. Havenner and unanimously adopted by the Board. The resolution was as follows:

ERNEST BLOCH

Whereas, Ernest Bloch, San Francisco composer, has been awarded the prize offered by *Musical America* for the best symphony by an American composer, the judges being a large group of the greatest musicians in America, and

Whereas, His symphony called "America" is to be given simultaneous production on December 20 of this year in San Francisco, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and numerous other cities with important symphony orchestras, and

Whereas, Ernest Bloch has decided to stay in San Francisco in spite of many urgent invitations from other cities, that he may be present at the rendition of his work by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and the Municipal Chorus of San Francisco on December 20 at the Civic Auditorium under the auspices of the city government,

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Ernest Bloch be given a vote of appreciation by this body not only for the addition to the literature of great world music which his symphony "America" has made but also for bringing honor to San Francisco and to the tradition of musical attainment of which its citizenry may justly be proud, and that he be further commended for electing to remain in San Francisco for the premiere of his great work in company with his fellow citizens rather than to accept the invitation of larger centers in the East, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution together with an invitation to visit this Board in order that he may be congratulated in person, be addressed to Ernest Bloch.

The world premiere of Mr. Bloch's prize-winning "America" Symphony, in Civic Auditorium the night of December 20, will be the feature of a gala Yuletide program prepared under auspices of the city, by Conductor Alfred Hertz of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. In addition to an augmented orchestra of more than 100 musicians, the 'America" epic poem will be aided in its presentation by 300 singers of the Municipal Chorus under Dr. Hans Leschke. As an added feature, the cantata fantasy "Walpurgis Night" of Felix Mendelssohn, will be given.

With the great Bloch masterpiece, winner of the *Musical America* symphony contest, as the headliner, Supervisors McSheehy, Havenner and Shannon of the Auditorium Committee of the Board of Supervisors, believe the holiday program will be the greatest ever presented to a Western audience.

The San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association Speaks on Amendment No. 28

By Ivan Flamm

THE election is over, Charter Amendment No. 28, in common with many other measures on the ballot, suffered defeat, despite a vast outlay of money and a great deal of misrepresentation resorted to in an attempt to blanket into Civil Service positions the 250 people now holding temporary positions under the classified Civil Service.

The San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association views with regret the fact that the majority of the employees who would be benefited by the adoption of this amendment, mostly parks and playgrounds employees, and with whom this association and the majority of city employees sympathize, have been sacrificed on the altar of principle. It would have been a pleasure to support this class of employees if they were seeking recognition as a group, but unfortunately they allowed themselves to be used for an ulterior purpose, viz., to draw in with them a group of employees in purely political positions.

To make the attitude of this association clear to those not familiar with the inside of the situation, it is necessary to recall that for many years we have been endeavoring to force examinations for the 250 positions in dispute, and when it seemed that we were about to achieve this purpose it became clear that an endeaver would be made to blanket in under Civil Service the people holding these positions, into their jobs so that they would not have to compete for them.

Hearing of the attempt, this Association immediately placed itself on record to the effect it would support the parks and playgrounds employees if they would submit their proposition alone, but would oppose them if they included the 250 positions in question.

The leaders that handled the amendment for the parks and playgrounds employees were advised to steer clear of entangling alliances, and they faithfully promised to stand alone. Under political pressure the people who handled the amendment retreated from this position and agreed to include all the positions under the one amendment. Our association regretted exceedingly the outcome and no course was left open but actively to oppose the amendment.

The San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association is proud of the stand it has taken on all matters relating to Civil Service in the last twenty years and in spite of political pressure on many occasions has hewn straight to the line and let the chips fall where they may.

The need for an organization such as ours should be so apparent that it seems superfluous to go into extended explanations. The saying "in organization there is strength" is so old and trite that it is accepted by all as a self-evident truth, but still there are many Civil Service employees who have failed to take an interest in their own welfare and are trusting the protection of their future rights to others by not joining this association which is banded together to protect and advance the principles of Civil Service.

It is to be hoped that employees of the parks, playgrounds and other city departments not now under the Civil Service classification will profit by the experience of the last campaign and be guided accordingly.

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Employees Retirement System

FOLLOWING is a statement of retirements and payments of the San Francisco City Employees' Retirement System during October, 1928:

Retired for Service

Board of Education—Rose Boukofsky, teacher.
Board of Public Works—James J. Flaherty, cleaner.

Retired for Disability

Board of Education—Mary A. Kortick, Martha Loewi, teachers.
Board of Health—Mary F. Murphy, field nurse.

Retirement allowances paid to retired members during October, $28,838.28.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving city service during October, $3404.15.

Total payments to retired members and ex-members, $32,242.43.

One On the Star Route Carrier

HENRY BRUNNER, chief registry clerk in County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy's office, not only is a sportsman—specializing in tennis, baseball and handball—but is a major league business man.

Brunner recently went camping. With his party he journeyed to the end of the automobile roads in the Kings River Canyon. There he bartered with a native to pack the campers' outfit some twenty miles further into the wilderness.

The native held out for $75 for services.

"Too much," said Brunner; "it isn't worth it."

The mountaineer remained steadfast in his price. "Take it or leave it," said he. "I have the only horses in this neck of the woods."

Brunner pondered. He looked up a postoffice map and discovered there was a star route postoffice within a mile of where he and his friends intended to camp. The campers divided their equipment into parcel post size packages. It was weighed at the post office and directed to the campers' destination.

"We hiked to the camping grounds," said Brunner. "The day after we arrived the parcel post came in. The stuff was delivered for a few dollars. The best part of it, to my mind, was that the packer who wanted $75 for his services had the star route and was obliged to pack the stuff in, parcel post, for nothing."

Supervisor Suhr Honored

SUPERVISOR FRED SUHR of San Francisco was elected president of the joint highway district of five counties, formed to construct a proposed shoreline highway from San Francisco Bay to Eureka, at an organization meeting held at the Hotel Whitcomb, November 19. Elected with Supervisor Suhr were Supervisor C. J. Gardiner, Marin County, vice-president; Supervisor B. F. Flint, Humboldt County, treasurer; Supervisor Charles R. Perkins, Mendocino County, secretary; R. J. Martin, San Francisco, assistant secretary. Frederick H. Meyer, general chairman of the Nine Counties Highway Committee of the Redwood Empire Association, presided.

California's Literary Heritage

(Continued from Page 10)

writers are ever ready to lend a helping hand to the newer and more inexperienced scribe who aims to set his or her mark on the golden scroll of California writers who have succeeded, left their mark, and passed on.

Library Notes

An interesting event of the last month was the costume party given at the home of Miss Dorothy Doyle, by the Circulation Department, in honor of Mrs. Isabelle Morgan. Dignified librarians appeared as rough-looking Bowery girls, cowboys, and Pierrots. There was even a Camp Fire Girl among those present.

The librarian, Mr. Robert Rea, wishes to thank the many friends of the library for the interest displayed in behalf of Amendment 34, which was passed at the last election. The municipal employees were particularly generous in their efforts for the success of the amendment.

The library parade will long be remembered. It took place on the night before election, and was composed of about three blocks of automobiles gayly decorated with banners. Librarians who had seen service "when the library was on Hayes Street" were as interested in the parade as the newest embryo-assistant. At midnight the parade disbanded, and refreshments were served at the Koffee Kup. Much of the success of Amendment 34 was attributed to the advertising value of the parade.

The young people of the city were entertained on November 17 with the play, "The Golden Key." The able direction of Miss Pauline Roy, Juvenile librarian, was again manifested. The music, a piano, violin and 'cello trio, featuring Natalie Heyman, Jessie McKinley and Frank Mensing, was furnished by the courtesy of the High School of Commerce. An added attraction was Wymond Garthwaite and his crayon illustrations. Mr. Garthwaite is the author of "Bread an' Jam."

One of the least-known positions in the library world is that of the boys and girls who put away the books—the pages. It is a satisfaction to librarians to see these same young people forge ahead in the business world, after they have finished school. Some of the pages have entered the library service when only in the first or second year of high school, some even earlier.

Some of the boys that the library is particularly proud of are: Jerry Corbett, former page and elevator attendant; Jimmy Murray, former page and newspaper attendant; John McMurray, Dick Dwyer and John Burke. All these boys are employed downtown, and rapidly are making good.

Count Felix von Luckner, who sank three of Mayor Rolph's vessels during the war, cordially was greeted by the Mayor when the Count came to San Francisco on a lecture tour last month. "I lost three of my best boats through the sea devil," the Mayor said, "but the master and crews of my ships never forgot the fine treatment they received at Count von Luckner's hands."

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Dr. Milo E. Maltbie, New York rate expert, has been employed to come to San Francisco for a month or six weeks at $100 a day to testify in behalf of San Francisco and Oakland in their fight before the State Railroad Commission against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's application for a $700,000 increase in rates. Authority for Dr. Maltbie's employment was made by the Board of Supervisors and the Oakland City Council. Assistant City Attorney Dion R. Holm, who heads the San Francisco forces contesting the increase, returned recently from the East and proposed the employment of Dr. Maltbie. San Francisco will pay him $60 a day, Oakland $40.

Clyde Edmondson, general manager of the Redwood Empire Association, last month transmitted to the Board of Supervisors and to individual members the association's thanks and appreciation for support given in sponsoring highway improvements and obtaining state and federal aid for highways. A formal resolution adopted by the association at its recent meeting in Eureka was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

That San Francisco has the legal right to purchase automobile trucks for street reconstruction work from funds derived through the state county roads gasoline tax, was the decision given last month by City Attorney John J. O'Toole. The Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of eight trucks, costing $36,000, but the purchase was protested by Attorney James M. Handley on the ground the trucks are not a part of the actual construction machinery necessary for roads included in the limitations of the state fund.

According to announcement of Supervisor Charles F. Todd of the traffic committee of the Board of Supervisors, all "button safety zones" in San Francisco will be marked with red glass reflectors within the next three months. Purchase of the safety devices was authorized on recommendation of Captain Charles Goff of the police traffic squad, and George Burr, City Traffic Engineer.

Evaluation of the Market Street Railway Company and the California Street Cable Company should be completed by January 1 next, according to City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy.

Jeremiah Deasy, 85, father of Superior Judge Daniel C. Deasy, died November 12, after a short illness. For more than half a century Mr. Deasy was engaged in the shoe and the insurance businesses. He retired two years ago.

In an attempt to stop an automobile driven without lights along Polk Street the night of November 25, Policeman Lisle Atkinson shot himself through the hand. The officer was on a street car on the way to work. At Bush and Polk streets the automobile dashed past. The patrolman on the detail stepped out to stop the car. Hoping to assist by firing into the air, Patrolman Atkinson drew his revolver, which discharged accidentally.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(San Francisco Chronicle, November 6, 1903)

EUGENE SCHMITZ, incumbent, was elected Mayor on the Union Labor ticket over Henry J. Crocker, Republican, and Franklin K. Lane, Democrat. Schmitz polled 16,783 votes, Crocker 13,349, Lane 8,587, a total of 38,313, after a hot campaign.

City and County officers elected included: Auditor, H. Baehr; Sheriff, P. J. Curtiss; Assessor, Washington Dodge; Tax Collector, E. J. Smith; Treasurer, J. E. McDougald; Recorder, Edmond Godchaux; County Clerk, J. J. Grief; District Attorney, Lewis F. Byington; Coroner, Dr. T. B. W. Leland; Public Administrator, M. J. Hynes.

The voting machine had its first practical test, though not an official one, in San Francisco. A machine was set up in the voting booth on Hyde Street opposite City Hall and voters invited to test it. Five hundred and seventy-six persons tried it out. Five minutes after the polls closed the returns from the machine were delivered to the Registrar as a demonstration.

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